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FROM THE EDITOR

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Membership Has Its Privileges & Responsibilities Too!

The March 5th California primary elections were troubling. After all of the hoopla, flag-waving, and renewed patriotism following the attack on America on September 11, very few people bothered to exercise that freedom and vote that day. Primary elections are traditionally lower in voter turnout, that is true. This primary, however, was especially dismal with less than fifteen percent of statewide registered voters (which is an already dismally low percentage of those who qualify to vote) chose candidates and approved (or defeated) ballot propositions that will have long-lasting effects on the nation, our state, and our communities.

What does this have to do with the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB? Well, the Annual Membership Meeting is coming up on Saturday, April 27 (*see page 4 for details*). At this meeting we elect the officers who will serve as the board of directors of the club for the next year. These elected positions are the president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary. We cannot operate the club without these positions being filled, as they are required by our by-laws, which are registered with the State of California.

Candidates are elected to these positions by the members "in attendance" at the annual meeting, as required by our by-laws. What worries me is that, much like our recent primary elections, very few members will be choosing the future direction of the club.

At our first annual meeting in April, 1997, there were 142 memberships that made up the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB. At last year's meeting, the club consisted of 345 memberships. This year we are 368 memberships strong. This is tremendous growth, but it is not reflected in the participation at the annual meeting. For the past two years, around 100 members participated. A membership can be either a single or a dual, so this means 100 members is effectively 50 to 75 memberships. Each membership gets a vote on each candidate for office.

I would like to ask each of you to consider making the effort to come to the annual meeting and let your vote count! The only way we can keep this club moving forward, having FUN, and growing, is to have participation from as many members as possible.

Another way to participate is to run for one of these elected offices. On pages 12 and 13 you will find the profiles of four members who have heeded my call and have announced their candidacies for office. Unfortunately, there are *only* four names on the list. With only four offices, that doesn't leave much to the

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imagination as to the outcome of the elections. Thankfully, these members have stepped forward, and I think they deserve special recognition for that. Our by-laws (there they are again) require that the actual nomination and election to offices be done at the annual meeting. So, it is possible that we will have more members put their names forward at the annual meeting. What a thrill it would be to have members engaged in friendly, and FUN, election battles for the good of the club!

So, there you have it. My annual plea to the membership to come and participate at the annual meeting. I hope that I am pleasantly surprised by the turnout on April 27. If nothing else, come for the food, cake, and the raffle!

Take care and HAVE FUN!

— ANTHONY “NEVADABOB” WILDE
EDITOR

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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More Fun Than You Can Shake A Stick At

Don't forget your dollars when you come to the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB Annual Membership Meeting and board elections. On Saturday, April, 27, be at the San Diego Automotive Museum for the meeting and win some great prizes too! We will be holding a raffle after the business meeting. Some great prizes, from some great Miata vendors, are waiting to go home with the lucky winners.

Here is a partial list of the vendors who have provided items and services for the SDMC raffle:

Allen's Wrench, American Battery, Coast Car Covers, Dent Man, Geri's Bazaar, Good-Win Racing Supply, Just Dings, Kesler Customs, Larry Dennstedt's Auto Repair, Lutz Tire and Service, Team Voodoo, The WheelStore, Dave Turner Motorsports, Ed Hanson's Muffler Shop, Brainstorm Performance, The Crazy Red Italian, Flyin' Miata, Serious Automotive.

Please be sure to thank these vendors for supporting the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB and be sure to consider them the next time you have Miata dollars to spend.

See page 4 for details about the SDMC Annual Membership Meeting.

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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

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**Crusin' Grand
Wheels'N'Meals**



Date: Friday, April 5
Meeting Time: 6 p.m. to eat,

Leave for crusin' at 7 p.m.
Meeting Place: Tom's #23 on the Southwest corner of 5th Ave. and Centre City Pkwy., Escondido.

Cruisin' Grand in Escondido starts earlier this year. Beginning with the first Friday in April, every Friday night through September is the time to go to see hot rods, street rods, vintage cars, muscle cars, music, and on the first Friday of each month...Miatas.

Autocross

Dates: Saturday, April 6
Sunday, April 7



Time: 9 a.m.
Place: Qualcomm Stadium
Mission Valley, southeast lot.
SCAT Saturday, practice.
Sunday, championship event.

Desert Blooms Run

Joint SOCALM/SDMC
Event



Date: Saturday, April 6
Time: 10 a.m.

Meeting Place: Stater Brothers Shopping Center, 31813 US Highway 79 South, Temecula.

Contact: Steve & Karen Diffenbacher, (909) 466-8733,
sdiffen@earthlink.net

Like to drive, see sights, and eat? Then this run is for you. It has it all. We almost named it the kitchen sink because it has everything else. There are three driving sections to this run that cover everything from rolling hills with high speed sweepers and beautiful scenery to tight fast twisties.

From Temecula we will wind our way down to Borrego Springs, where we will stop for lunch. This section starts out with some beautiful rolling hills and some high speed sweepers. Imagine coming over a crest and in front of you opens up the vast view of

the desert floor in bloom with the Salton Sea off in the distance. The desert blooms in late March and early April, so if we're lucky we'll get a special visual treat. Look quickly because soon you'll drill your way down fast tight twisties to the desert floor. Have lunch in one of four restaurants in Borrego Springs or bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the warm, dry desert air. Have a date shake or piece of Julian Apple Pie from the fudge shop.

The next section will twist us up out of the desert on our way to Mt. Palomar. In this section we will go up a change in elevation of 5,000 ft. There is one section that is so twisty we call it twisted. This four mile stretch has more turns than you can count. We will stop at the Mt. Palomar observatory for a break and to view the 200" Hale telescope.

The final section will take us down some more wonderfully twisty roads to the Mission San Antonio De Pala. The run will officially end here. From here you can tour the mission to take a break before heading home. Speaking of heading home, if you are going north you can take SR16 to Temecula for another 10 miles or so of twisties, and if you're feeling lucky stop at the Pechanga Casino.

This run will go down and up and down a total of over 10,000 ft. in elevation change. That means great roads! So, whatever you're doing, drop it and join us for this Spring event. You don't want to miss this one.

Directions to Meeting Place: Take the 15 to exit US 79 South in Temecula. Go east 2.1 miles to the Stater Brothers Shopping Plaza. Park in front of Stein Mart at the end near the Chevron Station.

**One Lap of America
Fun Run & Charity Event**



Date: Saturday, April 13
Time: Drivers meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Dinner: 3:30 p.m. at Dalton's Roadhouse in San Marcos

Meeting Place: Viejas Parking Lot—South of the Outlet in the upper level.

Run Leaders: DENNIS & MARYANNE GARON, dmgaron@cox.net or (760) 747-1115

Event Contact: Edd Hendricks, edd_fear@yahoo.com

This run qualifies toward mileage award.

In conjunction with the One Lap, Edd is raising money for a couple of charities that he is familiar with: Easter Seals and the Autism Society. That's the impetus behind the dinner & run (besides, that it seems like a good idea!). This fun run and dinner will help SOCALM member Edd Hendricks as he represents Miata clubs in participating in the Tire Rack Cannonball One Lap Of America. The Website is www.onelapofamerica.com. The participants will drive 5500 miles in 11 days and drive on nine race tracks around the country. Edd is meeting Lyn Vogel, who will be his co-driver, in Rochester, New York on May 3rd. Some days will require 1000 miles of driving.

Our Fun Run will take us through some country our club members have not traveled in a while, ending up in some familiar territory. Come for the driving...the friendship...the food...the opportunity to help two very worthy charities.

Dam Run 4



"Revenge of the Cheese"

Date: Saturday, April 20
Meeting Time: 8:30 a.m. for breakfast. Drivers meeting 9:45 in front of Rosa's Cantina. Run starts at 10 a.m.; sharp!

Meeting Place: Rosa's Cantina, Old Town Temecula

Coordinators: JOHN & JOYCE RICHARDSON, miatajuan@hotmail.com

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Upcoming April Events (Continued from page 3)

This run qualifies toward mileage award.
The fourth annual Dam Run is almost here. This year we'll again line up by car color and divide into six teams. The teams will be red, blue, green, silver, black and white, and of course the wine and cheese team (yellow, orange and purple). Since the wine and cheesers were defeated last year, they do plan revenge this time around. The run this year will start out at Rosa's Cantina in Old Town Temecula. From there we'll head out to the newly paved Sage Road for some twisty fun and take on awesome Red Mountain Road, which overlooks the Dam. We'll make a quick pit stop at the Dam visitors center and then head over to a cheese factory across from the Dam overlook. While there, we'll break the cars up into groups to go up to the Dam overlook. We are currently trying to arrange a tour of the Dam pumping plant, but we haven't confirmed with them yet. The run is scheduled to end at Oscar's in Temecula, where we will have our second annual Dam Talent Contest. Should be an awesome day of fun and competition!

Directions to Meeting Place: Temecula, I-15 at Rancho California exit. Drive to the West side of I-15, turn left on Front Street to Rosa's Cantina (28636 Front Street). Queue up along both sides of Front Street by color.

Autocross

Dates: Saturday, April 20
Sunday, April 21
Time: 9 a.m.

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



Monthly Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 25
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!



Western Sierras 2

A Joint SDMC/SOCALM Event

Date: April 26 - April 29

Place: Shilo Inn

40644 Highway 41, Oakhurst, CA

Time: Saturday, 10 a.m

Contact: TOM WOOD,

inlandempire@socalm.org or
(909) 864-6271

We have arranged to spend Friday and Saturday night at the Shilo Inn in Oakhurst. On Saturday there will be a choice of two runs—one into Yosemite and the other exploring the historic towns along Highway 49. Both will be leisurely, with time to shop for antiques and crafts, take scenic pictures, or go hiking.

On Sunday, we will head south toward Kings Canyon/Sequoia. There will be opportunities for those who must return home to do so. The rest of us will drive into the National Park and gaze at the big trees before spending the night in Three Rivers. Then on Monday we will explore more twisties as we head home.

Directions: This is an extensive trip. Please contact Tom ASAP so we can put you on the mailing list for all of the information about hotel reservations and meals. For those interested, we will be setting up a caravan for the drive north on Friday afternoon.

SDMC Annual Membership Meeting

and Board Elections

Date: Saturday, April 27

Place: Hall of Fame Room inside the San Diego Automotive Museum, Balboa Park.

Time: 10 a.m.

Enter at the side door, to the left of the main entrance, and go up the



stairs to the right. The meeting will start promptly at 10 a.m. Please remember to bring your membership card to receive a ballot.

One ballot per membership.

We will have a "pot luck" meal after the business is finished. Please bring a dish to share that does not require cooking or heating. NO HEATING or COOKING is allowed inside the Auto Museum building. Soda and cake will be provided.

Autocross

Dates: Sunday, April 28

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: Qualcomm Stadium

Mission Valley, west lot.

SDAD Sunday, practice.



FUTURE EVENTS

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@lvdi.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 one-day school (Saturday for Novice, all others either day); \$350 for two-



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 two-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 eight 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.

The Search for Madonna 2002

When: May 4-6

Coordinator: STEVE WAID

swaid@cox.net, (760) 432-0727

On Saturday, May 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. The Madonna Inn has 109 distinctly different and elaborately decorated rooms. Each participant will have chosen a room to his liking.

How to become a Searcher:

Go to the Madonna Inn Web page and make your room selection. www.madonnainn.com. 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 Steve with your room selection, by room name and number.

San Diego Automotive Museum Car Club Council 3rd Annual Car Club Car Show



Date: Saturday, May 11

Time: 9 a.m. - Registration, show starts at 10 a.m.

Place: In front of the San Diego Automotive Museum, Balboa Park.

Details in the May issue of the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB NEWS.

UPCOMING REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS

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 Sportscar 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 or phone (703) 278-8005.

Time to Clean Out The Garage!



If you've been saving the oil drained out of your Miata (or OTM), now is a good time to recycle it. The City of San Diego has the following recycling events coming up:

Saturday, April 13

U.C.S.D.

Corner of N. Torrey Pines Road & Salk Institute Road (east side).

Parking Lot #355

La Jolla 92093

Saturday, May 18

Montgomery High School

3250 Palm Avenue at Hawaii Avenue
San Diego 92154

Collection events are from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

They will accept a maximum of 10 gallons of used oil (Please transport in a sealable container), antifreeze, oil filters, and automotive batteries.

These events, sponsored by the City of San Diego, are open ONLY to residents of the city. For more information, call (619) 235-2105. If you are not in the city of San Diego, please contact your city's environmental affairs department or the county agency for similar events in your area. Most auto parts stores and repair shops will also accept used oil for recycling.

Badges?

Have 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.





— GEOFF FAHRING &
XAVIER CASTILLO

Xavier and I can very often be found talking it up with fellow SDMC members. Whether Xavier is offering or asking for advice, or I'm talking about the latest equipment to be purchased, we two are always together as an active part of the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB. However, it has not always been this way.

In January 2000 I was sitting in front of my computer cyber shopping for another car, again. Usually I just look. However, by this time I had already owned five water-cooled performance VWs, a Ford-powered MG Midget, a 1992 Miata, and too many Merkurs to count. In fact, I was still somewhat of an expert and die-hard fan of the orphaned XR4Ti from Ford Europe. However, many years of repair bills and expensive parts, along with constant worrying over daily reliability issues, led me to finally come back to my senses. You notice I said that I "used to" own a Miata. It had to be sold in 1996, less than a year after I bought it. There was a job change and the cute little Miata as a weekend toy was simply not affordable.

In early 2000 I started shopping for another MX-5 to replace my long lost

love. Weeks and weeks of Internet searching turned up several good deals, and then one day I found it. A dealer in Modesto was advertising a yellow Miata with roll bar and custom wheels. There was no picture posted with the ad. I quickly phoned the dealer and spoke to the owner. "Is the car yellow under the hood and in the trunk?" "Yes, of course", the dealer responded. "It is all original; it has not been repainted." However, the owner also did not seem to realize what a rare car he had on his lot. "What kind of wheels does it have?" The dealer went and checked. "They say BBS," came the reply. A deal was quickly arranged so I boarded a Greyhound bus for the Central Valley two days later. "Little Amarillo," as the 1992 Sunburst Yellow was soon to be named, was purchased sight—and test drive—unseen.

Many months after bringing this yellow jewel home, I was at the car wash and two SDMC members approached to comment on my car. Until then, I had not taken the time to research the local Miata club. It did not take me long to sign up and join. My first run was the *very hot* Dam Run of 2000.

Some of you may remember us talking about getting Xavier a Miata while we were on the Search for

Madonna run last year. Up to that point, we were a one Miata family. However, Xavier exhibits more of a "need for speed," so I found the perfect excuse to buy a second Miata. Initially we were shopping for a black one, but I happened across a great deal on a well-used 1991 BRG and we purchased it after a month of patience and negotiating. "Huey the frog" joined our happy family in June, 2001.

Our favorite part of belonging to the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB is the camaraderie. We enjoy tooling along back-country roads and watching as many friends run ahead. I am content to tag along in the back and often act as "sweep." The best part for me personally is gathering around at designated rest stops and chatting with so many terrific people and wonderfully warm-hearted individuals. I have never seen so much of San Diego County as I have with SDMC, and I am a native! We love to attend as many club runs as possible and have not missed a monthly meeting in over a year.

Well, "Huey the Frog" is getting forced induction as I write this so that it can hop a little quicker. I am still perusing the Internet classifieds for "J.O.M.P" (Just One More Piece) or another car (in addition to, never in place of) and Xavier will be job hunting within a few months. See you at the next SDMC rendezvous.

— GEOFF FAHRING

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

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.

MILEAGE AWARDS PROGRAM

Here are the latest members of the Mileage Awards Club. Congratulations to all! Your mileage level patches should be handed out at the next Monthly Meeting.

500 Mile Club

KEN BARTON
DENNIS DIDIER
VERONICA DIDIER
MICHAEL HEINITZ
PAULA KENNISON
CYNTHIA MILLER
BOB PFEIFFER
MIKE SCHWARTZ

1000 Mike Club

RICHARD BEST
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JIM BROKAW
XAVIER CASTILLO
SUE DILUSTRO
GEOFF FAHRING
DENNIS GARON
MARYANNE GARON
ROZ SCOTT
TOM THOMPSON
LAURIE WAID

1500 Mile Club

CHARLENE BROKAW
GERI CAUSARANO
ART HAMILTON
JD LIMA
STEVE WAID

2000 Mile Club

BARB SHEV

New Members!

WELCOME to our newest members (since last newsletter):

TIM & LINDA BURTCH
San Diego

2000 Midnight Blue Base

LEO DAILEY & KANYU TSANG
Oceanside
1990 White

MARCIE GILL
San Diego
1995 Montego Blue

FAYE & BRENT JEX
Escondido
1999 Emerald Green

VICKI & BRYAN KIEHL
Escondido
1990 White B

JIM KILLEEN
San Diego
1992 Sunburst Yellow

MINAKO & ORHUN OSKAY
Escondido
1999 Red PEP

HELEN SHARP
Oceanside
1995 M (Merlot)

ELLEN SIEMENS
La Jolla
2001 Black

ROGER & KAREN SNIPES
Alpine
1991 Red B

JANICE & RICK WESSELS
Vista
2001 SE (British Racing Green)

ROBERT WONG
San Diego
1995 Montego Blue PEP

PETER & JENNIFER WOODSON
San Diego
1993 White C

Membership Statistics

As of March 30, 2002, there are 368 memberships (147 single, 221 dual) for a total of 589 members.

Memberships by Miata Color:

94	Red
51	White
39	Black
33	Emerald Green
32	Silver
19	Montego Blue
15	BRG
12	Sapphire Blue
10	Mariner Blue
10	Twilight Blue
10	Yellow
9	Mahogany
9	Marina Green
8	Laguna Blue
7	Crystal Blue
6	Merlot
6	Starlight Blue
3	Midnight Blue
2	Evolution Orange
1	Laser Blue
1	Eggplant (custom)
1	Teal (custom)
9	Unreported*

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

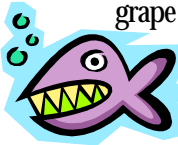
Renewing Members

(since last newsletter):

DONALD ARMSTRONG &
ANITA ALLENBY
CRAIG J. DUNNE
LARRY FIMON
JOSEPH FOX
BRUCE & CHRISTINE HILL
DAVE HINA
JEANETTE & JEFF HOLLADAY
JULIE & TED HOYT
BILL HYDE & JANET WHEATLEY-HYDE
CHARLIE & LISA KILGORE
HAMILTON LOWDER
ROBERT OLSSON
ALLEN & VALERIE POLLARD
DIXIE RATH
RANDY & SUSAN RHODES
MICHAEL SIMMONS
GENAI & JAY STONEBURNER
BILL & LINDA TALLIAN
KEVIN WOMACK



There I was, alone in the parking lot waiting for the others to join me on a Fish Run up the coast. I had run, and planned, and called, and run again, and worried about all that might go wrong. I even thought I heard something wrong with my little grape as I drove it up to



Oceanside. Then I saw the first arrival, and I began to feel better. One by one

the pretty little cars arrived, and their owners cheered me up as they awaited our departure. A brief drivers meeting and we were on our way up the freeway. As I led the way I kept looking in my mirror at all the pretty-colored cars, like little jelly beans following me along. We soon turned off the freeway and as we drove down through San Clemente we were greeted by sunny, blue skies and great weather like I've dreamed about. Then came our first strange sighting, a crazy lady on a center island removing her clothes as we passed. Was this a sign, or just a sight of the beach community we were passing? We cruised on by and as I checked my mirrors again I could see those little jelly beans following. When we got to Aliso Park to add our SOCALM friends, I was surprised, as we were right on time and they were all ready to go. Thanks to Barry Rosenberg for arranging the place and having them all there on time. We pulled back out onto Pacific Highway and when I checked my mirrors again I couldn't help but grin from ear to ear as the group of pretty little jelly beans had grown and they were switching positions all the time, but we stayed together. I could see the other people in their OTMs pointing and smiling as we all cruised along to the aquarium. Again a big surprise, we were right on time! Tickets purchased, and in we went. After the Aquarium



February 24 - Sunday
There's Something Fishy
About This Run II



PHOTO: BARRÉ & ELLIOT SHIEV

Rich Best dons his "Fish Cap" so he can easily be spotted leading the run.

adventure, it was off to our reservation for supper at King's Seafood and we were just a few minutes early. I had a great time talking with friends and munching seafood; then it was back to our little cars for the drive home. As I left them one by one and was finally by myself, I still had that ear-to-ear grin and the memory of those little jelly beans on my mind. I thought of the candy dish with the jelly beans in it when I was a kid, and how they would disappear one by one until only a few remained, and a silly question came to mind. Does anybody really like yellow jelly beans?

— RICH BEST



Gary Scott places his order at King's Seafood. The wine not quite up to par Gary?

Events Don't Just Happen!

You have probably noticed that the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB is an active bunch of enthusiasts. In the past year we have cruised Grand, visited the Getty Museum, driven the Streets of Willow race track, been in parades, autocrossed, picnicked, had tech days, and more.

Question: How does all this happen?

Answer: People like YOU make it happen.

The easiest way to explain how an event occurs is to say that someone says to himself, "I am going to get in my Miata and go (insert what you enjoy here), and I am going to invite my Miata friends to join me." The next step is to call STEVE WAID, our events coordinator, and ask him to assist you in getting the invitation out. Steve is available at (760) 432-0727 or events@sandiegomiataclub.org.

If you want to earn the always desirable SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB magnetics in your car color, then the only requirement is that the event be a driving event. A caravan to an event does not qualify...such as the trip to the Getty Museum. However, if an indirect "run" to an event is put together, then the magnetics are earned. A recent example would be DUSTIN LEWIS' run to the Santee Drive-in last August. Dustin earned his magnetics that day, and we all got to watch movies too.

Ask the club to join you the next time you plan to do something fun. You'll enjoy yourself even more when you have fellow Miataphiles along for the ride!

The beginning of the 2002 edition of the Puke started with early morning drizzle and threatening skies when 70-plus cars showed up at the Olympic Training Center.



PHOTO: CHARLENE & JIM BROKAW



March 23 - Saturday
Puke-O-Rama 2002

While driving the 2002 Puke-O-Rama (by the way—great run, STEVE & LAURIE) I had some time to “wax poetic” while stuck behind a seemingly endless onslaught of O. T. M.s (Other Than Miata).

Ode to the O.T.M.

OTM, OTM I am on a run,
OTM, OTM someone get a gun.

OTM, OTM my grandma goes faster than you do,
OTM, OTM I *must* catch up to Voodoo.

OTM, OTM is this the way it goes?
OTM, OTM your driving really blows.

OTM, OTM please look in your mirror,
OTM, OTM I'm tired of second gear.

OTM, OTM I just want to pass,
OTM, OTM I wish you would haul ___!
(Sorry, “G-rated” newsletter.)

OTM, OTM please just go away,
OTM, OTM my hair is turning gray.

OTM, OTM my bladder's about to burst,
OTM, OTM are you stuck in first?

OTM, OTM thanks a *freaking* bunch,
OTM, OTM now I'm late for lunch.

OTM, OTM pulling to the side,
OTM, OTM sorry, I did chide?

OTM, OTM thanks a whole lotta,
OTM, OTM next time, buy a Miata!

— BRUCE LEWIS (stuck behind a Subaru)



As the run began the roads dried and the crisp, clean air was soon filled with the sounds of Miatas as they took to the twisties. There were roads that curved right...

PHOTO: CHARLENE & JIM BROKAW

and roads that curved left...



PHOTO: CHARLENE & JIM BROKAW



and thankfully Engineers Road has curves that go left AND right. This is the Puke-O-Rama, so the more curves the better.

PHOTO: CHARLENE & JIM BROKAW



The Master of the Puke, Steve Waid is content at the end of the road.



PHOTO: JD LIMA



February 10, 2002 Autocross Results

Congratulations to the following SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB members on their performance at the Solo2 championship event. The event was sponsored by the Datsun Competition Club of San Diego (DCCSD), and held at Qualcomm Stadium.

Class	Driver	Car	Place
CS	ED PITTS	Miata	7th
CS	DENNIS DIDIER	Miata	8th
CS	JOHN HILTON	Miata	10th
HS	MARA CALER	Honda CRX	2nd
IS2	ROBERT HOLLAND	Miata	1st
IS2	BRIAN GOODWIN	Miata	2nd
IS2	RAINER MUELLER	Miata	4th
IS2	MICHAEL HEINITZ	Miata	5th
IS2	JOSEPH MEDINA	Miata	7th
IS2	STEVE WAID	Miata	8th
IS2	ELLIOT SHEV	Miata	10th
IS2	JOHN "JD" LIMA	Miata	11th
IS2	MICHAEL CHIAPPETTA	Miata	14th
IS2	BOB KRUEGER	Miata	15th
IS2L	BARB SHEV	Miata	2nd
IS3	RON CHAPMAN	Honda CRX	2nd
SU	HOWARD KUZMINSKI	Miata	4th

AUTOCROSS AT THE "Q"



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

Saturday, April 6.....practice
 Sunday, April 7.....championship
 Saturday, April 20.....practice
 Sunday, April 21.....championship
 Sunday, April 28.....practice
 Saturday, May 11.....practice
 Sunday, May 12.....championship
 Saturday, May 25.....championship
 Saturday, July 6.....championship

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 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.

March 3, 2002 Autocross Results

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

Class	Driver	Car	Place
CS	ED PITTS	Miata	7th
CS	DENNIS DIDIER	Miata	10th
IS2	BRIAN GOODWIN	Miata	1st
IS2	ELLIOT SHEV	Miata	3rd
IS2	RAINER MUELLER	Miata	4th
IS2	ROBERT HOLLAND	Miata	5th
IS2	KEVIN HAYWOOD	Miata	6th
IS2	MIKE SCHWARTZ	Miata	7th
IS2	STEVE WAID	Miata	8th
IS2	MICHAEL HEINITZ	Miata	9th
IS2	JIM BROKAW	Miata	12th
IS2	JOHN "JD" LIMA	Miata	13th
IS2	JOSEPH MEDINA	Miata	15th
IS2L	BARB SHEV	Miata	2nd
CSP	RON CHAPMAN	Honda CRX	2nd
CSP	MARA CALER	Honda CRX	3rd
SU	HOWARD KUZMINSKI	Miata	6th
Novice	FEDERICO ABAD	Miata	1st



Howard Kuzminski



PHOTO: VOODOO BOB KRUEGER



PHOTO: VOODOO BOB KRUEGER

Steve Waid



PHOTO: VOODOO BOB KRUEGER

Elliot Shev

Robert Holland



PHOTO: VOODOO BOB KRUEGER

March 16-17, 2002 SCCA Solo2 National Tour Autocross Results

Congratulations to the following SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB members on their performance at the SCCA Solo2 National Tour event. The event was sponsored by the San Diego Region of SCCA, and held at Qualcomm Stadium.

Class	Driver	Car	Sponsor	Place
ES	KEVIN STEVENS	Miata		9th
HS	MARA CALER	Honda Civic		2nd
CSP	RON CHAPMAN	Honda CRX		8th
IS2	ROBERT HOLLAND	Miata	Team Voodoo	1st
IS2	ELLIOT SHEV	Miata	Team Voodoo	3rd
IS2	STEVE WAID	Miata	Team Voodoo	4th
IS2L	BARB SHEV	Miata	Team Voodoo	2nd
SM2	HOWARD KUZMINSKI	Miata		3rd

The three amigos wait their turn on the course at Qualcomm



PHOTO: JD LIMA



PHOTO: VOODOO BOB KRUEGER

Barb Shev attacks the National Tour course.



Elections to board of directors of the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB will take place at the annual membership meeting on Saturday, April 27. The annual meeting, which is held at the San Diego Automotive Museum (see page 4 for details), is where the actual nominations and voting will take place in accordance with the club's bylaws.

The following are biographical profiles of members who have announced their intent to seek nomination and subsequent election to the board of directors. These profiles have been provided by the candidates for the purpose of letting the rest of the membership know about themselves and their qualifications, skills, desires, or goals as a member of the executive board. These profiles are *not* a requirement for nomination and election. Other eligible members may also seek nomination for election at the annual meeting. Additionally, candidates may be nominated for more than one office; however, they may only be elected to and hold a single office.

— EDITOR

JIM BROKAW

It has been a privilege to serve this year as treasurer of our fine club, and I would be honored to have the opportunity to serve a second year in that position. Peek under the hood of the SDMC and you will find a small, but extremely energetic, dedicated, and talented group of people working behind the scenes to make ours the best car club anywhere. They schedule and help organize our events, produce and distribute a fantastic newsletter, maintain a great Web site, manage an expanding inventory of SDMC regalia, and keep track of all of our new and renewing memberships. They are the engine of our club, and we are blessed to have them. As treasurer, I will continue to give these volunteers the support they need, and ensure that your dues are used efficiently and effectively to provide the full array of membership services. In the cockpit of the SDMC is a larger group of wonderful folks that, depending on their interests, are volunteering to plan, lead or sweep events, take us to places we've never been, raise money for various charities, show us how to modify our toys, argue passionately for our safety, and just have a lot of fun. They, YOU, are the SDMC. As a member of the board, I will continue to listen to our membership, do my best to represent your interests, and help ensure that the SDMC continues to provide its members with great top-down driving, camaraderie, food, tech advice, and most of all—FUN!

SAL CAUSARANO

It would be an honor and a privilege to be nominated for the office of president of SDMC. My terms as secretary and vice president have been extremely fulfilling and rewarding, knowing that I was contributing to the continued success of this club. GERI and I have been members of SDMC and Miata owners since 1998. We fell in love with this magical car immediately upon driving it. This little roadster was the catalyst that would lead us to fun, exciting places, laughter and mostly importantly, lasting friendships.

I do not wish to bore you with my personal or professional past but rather allow me to express to you my vision of the future—the future of SDMC and why I would like to be president of this wonderful club.

I have been and hope to continue to be an active member of SDMC. My vision is for the continued betterment and success of this club and its members. I do not profess to be a Miata “techie” or one who knows all there is to know about the Miata. I prefer to rely on the many knowledgeable and experienced members who can and often do share that expertise with not only me but the entire membership. I choose to empower individuals and encourage strengths, for that is what moves the individual and the organization in a positive direction as a whole.

If elected, it is my intent to continue to move SDMC in a positive direction—to instill new ideas, to promote enthusiasm among the membership, and to uphold and nurture the mission of this club.

Life is a journey—enjoy the ride. Why not share the FUN and excitement with friends on that journey. That is what this club is all about. Your “Pal” Sal

VERONICA DIDIER, R.N.

After careful consideration, I have decided to run for secretary of the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB. Without going into a resume, let me tell you a little about myself. In the mid-nineties I was the secretary for the Bonita Vista High School Baseball Booster Club. My responsibilities included: recording the minutes at the board and general meetings, reading these minutes at the next months' meetings, and distributing copies of the minutes.

My first love affair with a car was with my 1972 Karmann Ghia. My most recent is with my gorgeous crystal blue metallic Miata. Both my husband DENNIS and I appreciate sports cars and the people they attract. The time we spend with our fel-



low Miataphiles has been FUN and enriching. It is my sincere desire to give back to the club that has given so much to us. It is without reservation that I seek the office of secretary.

STEVE KENNISON

I thought I might give a little something back to our club that has given PAULA and I so much enjoyment over the past two years. I decided to take the plunge and run for vice president.

My wife Paula and I joined SDMC in September of '99. I have been a motor head for all of my adult life, but mostly in the motorcycle world. When the Miata first came out I wanted one but didn't have the funds to support both habits (motorcycles and sports cars). Along came 1999 and I no longer had a motorcycle, so I finally ended up getting the Miata I always wanted. I have been enjoying the club and the people in it ever since. Both Paula and I have volunteered for a number of events in SDMC and Paula is currently one of the Regalia Gals. We have also earned our magnetics and led several impromptu runs.

Professionally, I am a computer scientist and have been project head for several large-budget projects over the years. I have experience in leading teams and providing support to computer users. More importantly, I have been involved with the Boy Scouts of America as an adult leader for twenty years. I have served in almost every major job in the BSA program, including chairman of the adult leader training team for San Diego County Council. This volunteer experience will be very helpful when dealing with the running of our car club. I have a desire to help to continue the tradition of the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB. I believe this is the finest organization and group of people with whom I've ever been involved. I would appreciate the opportunity to serve as vice president and make this club go and grow. Sincerely, the other Steve, aka Nails

SPEC MIATA RACING

The SCCA Double Regional races March 16-17 at Buttonwillow Raceway saw nine Spec Miatas (SM) in attendance. This is the largest So-Cal turnout so far this year. The SMs ran in a race group with several flavors of Improved Touring (IT) cars, American Sedan (AS) and Touring 1 (T1) cars. In all, there were 38 cars in this group. Saturday's race was held under dry conditions. We ran the full course (2.9 miles) clockwise.

I had qualified seventh of the nine SMs. A mishap early on cost me that position. I left the track after "Magic Mountain" and spun into a cloud of dust left by a fellow SM having gone off immediately before me at the same location. Unfortunately, he was still there and our cars collided. My right rear quarter collected his driver's side. I was able to continue and finish the race with a tire that eventually sliced through. The other fellow was not so lucky. In addition to the severe body damage his engine had been knocked loose of its mounts. Repairs to both our cars later that day enabled us to race again on Sunday.

Sunday was even more exciting and

less costly. This time the rain would not be held back. I was fortunate enough to have a good set of rain tires handy and put them to good use. I must admit to great apprehension about racing in the rain. This was another first for me.



We had 35 cars for this race. I had qualified in seventh position for Sunday's race and was hoping to keep the other two behind me. My tires proved to be a great advantage. I learned their limits quickly and was able to pass two SMs early on. I later lost those two spots when I overcooked the exit of tight hairpin. I kept it on the asphalt and was soon back in the fray. I later regained several positions and eventually finished fifth in class and 21st overall.

It rained almost continuously during our race and I enjoyed the most

exciting race yet this year. The poor visibility improved my attentiveness and focus. It was a wonderful experience from which I learned a great deal and further developed my skills.

The next week was spent getting the damage repaired in preparation for the March 23-24 races at Spring Mountain Motor Sports Park in Pah-rump, NV. This weekend's racing wasn't nearly as exciting as only three SMs were entered. One blew the head gasket in Saturday's practice and went home early. I finished second both days. If only it had rained!

The next big event is a National Auto Sport Association (NASA) Spec Miata Challenge race at Buttonwillow on April 6-7. There should be a couple of dozen Spec Miatas in this event as this is a cash prize series. Many drivers from NorCal, Oregon and Washington should be in attendance.

As always, many thanks to our sponsors Team Voodoo, the Wheelstore, and Windshield Pros for their support of my rookie season.

— KEVIN HAYWOOD



A Q&A on Roll Bars & Roll Bar Padding

You may have heard that in February an SDMC member was killed in a Miata rollover. It was a one car, low speed (apparently less than 40 mph) rollover accident. The driver survived with severe head injuries. The passenger was killed instantly. The '01 Miata had no roll bar. The accident did *not* happen on an SDMC event. They were just out enjoying the day.

As a result of this incident, there has been a lot of discussion, both on and off the SDMC e-mail list, about roll bars, roll bar padding, etc. Here is some information on roll bars and padding if you are interested in getting a rollbar.

This information is purely for educational purposes. No other intent should be inferred.

— EDITOR

Q: Could a roll bar have prevented this fatality?

A: In this instance, both occupants in their lap and shoulder belts, most likely would have been protected by the roll bar. Most rollover accidents result in the car resting on (or striking during the incident) the roll bar and nose of the car, with the windshield frame partially collapsed. Hard Dog (a leading roll bar manufacturer) has several photos showing this on their Web site (<http://www.bethania-garage.com/miata.htm>).

Q: What does a roll bar actually do? I thought they were just to keep the car off your head.

A: Roll bars serve several purposes in Miatas. They look really cool, to some people. They add an additional structural member, making the body structure stiffer. They keep the car from crushing you in a roll-over accident. Windshield frames are required to support only the weight of the car, not

the force of a roll-over impact. Honda, Mercedes Benz, Audi, and Porsche all have roll bars built into the structure of their sports cars. Mazda relies on the aftermarket to fill this need.

Q: If they're so good why can you autocross without a roll bar?

A: Autocross-style racing, despite the title, is far safer and generally done at lower speeds than driving the same car on the street. Most racing regulations actually serve to reduce the potential top speed of the competition. Autocross will never result in contact with another car. Inferring safety factors from one driving situation to the other is not an accurate comparison.

Q: What is the purpose of roll bar padding?

A: In an accident your head could come into contact with the hard steel roll bar. SFI 45.1 certified padding collapses in a controlled manner, spreading the energy of the contact over a longer period of time and a larger area. Imagine a crash helmet inside-out on the bar.

Q: Roll bar padding is like a crash helmet? How?

A: The purpose of both helmets and padding is to redistribute and dissipate the force of any impact. The SFI Foundation (www.sfi-foundation.com), based in Poway, is the world standard for specifications used to design and manufacture motorsports-related safety equipment. The SFI 45.1 specification for roll cage padding was developed using an unprotected head model (like yours), and allows the measurement of impact using several scales and indices. The testing methods for both padding and helmets are quite similar. An instrumented headform is dropped at controlled rates into a "steel anvil." Wearing a helmet, the headform records G-forces transmitted through the helmet. Used bare

against the padded "anvil," the headform records the padding's performance.

Q: That SFI stuff feels hard. Shouldn't it cushion my head?

A: It feels very firm to the touch. However, while roll bar pads that pass the SFI specification may feel too hard to cushion a blow, they need to be that firm to absorb the higher-energy impacts associated with head injuries.

Q: Can you get hurt even with padding? How about a rear-end collision?

A: Of course you can. Every automobile accident is different and they all involve some amazing forces. The only time your car is perfectly safe, it's sitting on your driveway. Most Miata owners will never have an accident, or come into contact with their roll bar. In an upright car, the seating position, air bag and seat belts should be enough. Obviously a roll bar can be a contact point, but it's there to keep the upside-down car off your upside-down head. And while rear end collisions are the easy visual scenario for roll bar contact, it can happen in any accident. On the street, where you will not be wearing a helmet and racing harness, quality padding of the roll bar will minimize the effect of your head striking this contact point.

Q: What is all this safety going to cost me?

A: There is an old racers saying: "Your helmet should cost at least as much as its contents is worth." With that in mind a padded roll bar seems to be a bargain. Quality roll bars start at about \$250. SFI 45.1 padding is about \$40 from Summit Racing (www.summitracing.com). Dave Turner Motorsports will install any bar for \$150.



NOTICE: 2001 and 2002 Miata Owners



In response to a growing number of complaints, Mazda has issued a Service Bulletin regarding clutch chatter (or judder as it is sometimes called) in 2001 and 2002 manual transmission equipped Miatas.

This condition is most common in cold start conditions, such as when the vehicle has sat for a few hours. When the clutch is released it fails to engage smoothly. Basically it makes you look like you have never driven a manual transmission car before!

If your affected vehicle exhibits this behavior, take it to your Mazda dealer and have them refer to the following service bulletin. A copy of this bulletin has been placed on the SDMC Yahoo! Groups Web page for SDMC members to access.

Thanks to member MARK BOOTH for making this available.

— EDITOR

Bulletin No: 05-002/02

Last Issued: 03/18/2002

Subject: Clutch Chatter During Cold Takeoff

Applicable Model(s)/VINS

2001-2002 Miata with manual transmissions built prior to 12/01/2001.

VIN Range: JM1NB363*1000001-20223944

Description

Some vehicles may exhibit clutch chatter or judder when releasing the clutch during cold conditions. This may be caused by the flywheel and clutch cover surface materials creating a chatter or judder during clutch engagement. The flywheel and clutch cover has been revised to correct this concern.

Repair Procedure

The stated procedure is to “verify the customer concern” and then remove the transmission and replace the clutch cover (pressure plate), flywheel, and clutch disc. Reinstall the transmission and verify the repair.

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: Have you been reading all the messages about rollbars and thinking you need to get one but you want it NOW? If you don't want to wait...AUTOPOWER rollbar, fits all Miatas. The group buy costs over \$200 and you have to wait, Moss advertises this same bar for \$289.95 (see it at <http://www.miatamania.com/cgi-bin/db2www/mossmotors/miatamania/shop/ViewProducts.mac/report?PlateID=4418>). It's painted black—you'll probably want to get it powder coated. But you can have the bar NOW and for only \$175. I'll even throw in a FREE snap-on roll bar cover (\$50 value).

Tom, (949) 366-0322 or tomiata@cox.net

For Sale: Stock wheels from a '95 Miata. 14 inch 7-spoke chrome, in good shape. Some old Dunlop 185/60R14 tires on. \$150 OBO. See pictures on: <http://home.san.rr.com/bengt/miata/wheel.htm>

Bengt, (858) 618 1719 or bspetsma@san.rr.com

For Sale: Aftermarket alloy wheels, 14 inch, \$100. 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 doors, mirrors, rear fenders, lights, and various interior parts. Some body parts recently repainted (red); in good condition.

Wally (619) 232-2801 ext 313, 234-2858, or wallymiata@juno.com

For Sale: 1995 Miata 14x6 Alloy Wheels (4). Used for autocrossing and have worn out Kumho 205/55x14 autocross tires. Wheels in excellent condition. \$200 for four.

Robert (JT), (858) 549-4011, jtbo@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

For Sale: Closeout on Miata wrapping paper. \$3 per roll.

Geri, geris-bazaar@cox.net, (760) 787-0624

For Sale: Trunk lid lift kits - fits all year Miatas. 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

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

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.

Larry, (619) 284-4911 or

larrydennstedt@hotmail.com

