

SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Past Presidents Don't Go Away... They Just Become Active Members

Well, that's not exactly what General MacArthur said, but you get the idea. This is the last time I will write to you, the club membership, as president of the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB. Starting next month, your new president will be filling this spot with his insight about the issues facing the club.

At this time, I would like to reflect on my past two years as president. First, I would like to thank, again, the board and extended board of my first term as president. Without these people, the job could not have been done. Next, I would like to thank the current group of board and extended board members who make this club work. Last, but not least, I would like to thank all of you, the membership, for your support over the past two years, and for creating the multitude of wonderful events that I participated in.

The creativity for events and people willing to share their interests, is what makes this club so exciting. Just last week at the Dam Run, a member asked me if the club would be interested in visiting a particular venue. I said, "Yes, they would. Plan it and they will come." I can tell anyone that with confidence, because this club always turns out for a new adventure. So if you're on the edge about putting together a run, don't be; just do it! (Sorry, Nike.)

My activity with the Miata will continue, as I am still the Western Region Representative for the Miata Owners Club (MOC). This will continue until we hold elections later this summer. I plan to run for this position again and help form the new MOC into another great club with many benefits for its membership.

There are some issues and events that I did not get to resolve during my term as president. One is that I would like to see the club do another regional/national event. Another one is, with all the interest in autocross within the membership, the organizing of a Miata Autocross or "Miatacross" team." Maybe the next board will have the time to work on these items.

I do feel very good about the presence our club has in the Miata community. I have spoken to many people all over the world in the past two years and our club is well known and respected. You can all be proud of that. This is shown by the fact that 100% of all the vendors I asked to contribute to our annual raffle did so without hesitation. I had to send a few reminders to send the items, yes, but not to donate them.

I would like to thank the special group of non-elected board members, "the

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President's Message (Continued from page 1)

extended board." This would be the regalia folks, ROZ and PAULA; our e-mail and Webmaster, ROBERT "J.T." HOLLAND; the membership trio, DAVE MARTIN, GALE CHAN, AND JOHN "JD" Lima; our events yellowinator (coordinator), STEVE WAID; and our newsletter staff, ANTHONY WILDE, VOODOO BOB KRUEGER, DIANE LONG, and TOM SPRAGUE. These people make it work at the top, and help keep the wheels greased for all of us.

Most of all, I would like to thank Anthony for his dedication to producing our newsletter. This is a very big job, and to do it with the quality that we have is a labor of love. Having been closely associated with this for two years now, I know how much work goes into it. So, next time you see Anthony, you can thank him personally for his work and dedication in bringing you the best darn newsletter in the Miata community.

So as not to belabor this farewell, I would like to thank you all for your support over the past two years. I ask you to pass your support on to our new board so they can continue to keep this club at the level of fun that it has been for all of us. I will see you at the next event. Until then, I bid you farewell!

— 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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Got Zoom?

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

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

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

Got special sizes, items you want? Call or e-mail ROZ or PAULA and let them know and they will personally hand deliver the items to you at the meeting.

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Submission deadline is the 15th of each month.

Editor reserves the right to edit all submissions

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

www.sandiegomiataclub.org

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

SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB

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



Date: Friday, May 3

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.

**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.

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.

**The Search for
Madonna 2002**



Date: May 4-6

Meeting Place: Oceanside McDonald's, 1701 Oceanside Blvd, east of Interstate 5. Take the first exit north of Highway 78.

Meeting Time: Drivers meeting at 6:45 a.m. Leave at exactly 7 a.m. Have a full tank of gas. Don't be late!

Coordinator: STEVE WAID
swaid@cox.net, (760) 432-0727

Parts of this run qualify towards Mileage Award.

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.

Autocross

Dates: Saturday, May 11

Sunday, May 12

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: Qualcomm Stadium
Mission Valley, southeast lot.
TART, Saturday, practice.
Sunday, championship event.



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



Date: Saturday, May 11

Time: 8:30 - 10 a.m. Registration,
Show starts at 10 a.m.

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

Awards: First and second in each class, judges best in show plus certificates of recognition. Miatas will compete as original (stock), or enhanced/modified (appearance upgrades and engine modifications). \$10 per car entry fee. All entrants entitled to half price admission to the San Diego Automotive Museum.

Planned Impromptu Run

Date: Saturday, May 18

Meeting Time: 11 a.m.

Meeting Place: Westfield's Shopping Town-North County (formerly North County Fair), under the big sign on the west side of the mall.

Coordinators: SDMC members
Where shall we go? That question will be answered as we gather for another Planned Impromptu Run. We will meet at the appointed time and place, come to a consensus (hopefully), and take off for the twisties. No plans, no structure, no idea where we will end up! Oh, since this is an impromptu run, there is no mileage credit either.



**Planned Impromptu Run,
Day 2**

Date: Sunday, May 19

Meeting Time: 11 a.m.

Meeting Place: Rancho San Diego Towne Center, at the corner of Jamacha Road and Highway 94 in Rancho San Diego. Meet in the parking lot near the Taco Bell.

Coordinators: SDMC members
Same as the day before...No plans, no structure, no idea where we will end up! Oh, since this is an impromptu run, there is no mileage credit either.



Monthly Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 23

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!

Autocross

Dates: Saturday, May 25

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: Qualcomm Stadium
Mission Valley, west lot.
SCAT championship.



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.

Contact STEVE WAID, events coordinator at events@sandiegomiataclub.org.



FUTURE EVENTS

Track Driving Seminar

Date: Saturday, June 8

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

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

Host: STEF GOULD, stef@miata.net, (619) 297-4272

Aaron Tachibana will lead this seminar, which will focus on performance modifications—how to get the best bang for your buck—and suspension setups.

He 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, performance/street brake usage, and componentry.

He will discuss driving techniques that are applicable to everyday driving as well as the track. 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.

There will be time to answer questions on the various subject matters not covered in the focus bulletin. He'll also 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 been producing Track Days at Laguna Seca, Thunderhill, and Sears Point for the past six years. There is no charge to attend the seminar. Mazda will provide coffee, juice, and snacks.

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

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



Turn Right into the Mazda parking lot.

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

Tech Day in Oceanside

Date: Sunday, June 9

Time: 8 a.m. start

Place: 4632 Doral Court, Oceanside.

Hosts: WESTLY & MARY TEWKSBURY, (760) 757-8583 or westly197@hotmail.com.

We will be starting at 8 a.m. and will continue 'til we finish or can't see anything (dusk). Anyone who doesn't want to work on Miatas is welcome to come and visit in the house or backyard. We'll likely watch a movie after sunset on our projection setup if anyone wants to stay (156 inch projection).

Brainstorm Tech Day in San Diego II

Date: Saturday, July 13

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

Place: The SHEV home, 14425 Trailwind Road, Poway, Ca 92064

Contact: Brainstorm (www.miata.org) for pre-orders and installation appointments. (800) 779-3223, (310) 815-9825, Fax (310) 815-9854.

Brainstorm is coming back to San Diego for a Tech Day. It has been over two years since they have been here, so go to www.miata.org and start deciding what goodies you might want. One of the popular items is the remote oil filter, which makes changing your oil really easy. Brainstorm exhaust systems are always popular, and there will be special pricing.

SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB specials

Parts with installation:

1. BSP Shortbar-polished stainless steel: reg. \$299 + \$110 installation=\$409. SDMC price: \$370



installed.

2. BSP Windblocker-vinyl: reg. \$240 + \$27.50 installation = \$267.50. SDMC price: \$230 installed.
3. BSP Low Profile Headlight Kit: reg. \$335 + \$110 installation=\$445. SDMC price: \$399.99 installed.
4. BSP Short Shifter Kit (5spd & 6spd): reg. \$150 + \$55 installation=\$205. SDMC price: \$180 installed.
5. Colored gauge faces (no needle repaint): reg. \$135 + \$110 installation=\$245. SDMC price: \$199.99 installed.
6. Vintage gauge rings: reg. \$89 + \$82.50 installation=\$171.50. SDMC price: \$150 installed.
7. BSP leather shift boots: reg. \$45 + \$27.50 installation=\$72.50. SDMC price: \$60 installed.
8. Chrome Shifter Surrounds: reg. \$95 + \$55 installation=\$150. SDMC price: \$110 installed.

Parts specials (no installation):

1. Leather shift boots, brake boots, seatbelt sleeves: 10% off.
2. Interior metal parts: 15% off.
3. Shocks, springs, sway bars, strut braces: 10% off.
4. Sport grills (powder coated): reg. \$89.95, SDMC price \$75.
5. BSP 4-into-1 headers (1990-2000): 10% off.
6. BSP Spare Relocation Exhaust: reg. \$395, SDMC price \$350.
7. BSP 4pc. Big brake kits: reg. \$1280, SDMC price \$1150.

A Weekend with the Sahuaro Miata Club

Date: July 20

Details in the June SDMC News!



Edelbrock Tour

Date: Saturday, October 19

Place: Edelbrock factory and museum in Torrance, California

Contact: ROBIN & MIKE



FAIRCLOTH, HawkinLady@aol.com

Put October 19th on your calendar for a unique and coveted opportunity. Robin and Mike Faircloth have been working for nearly a year to get SDMC a tour of the Edelbrock factory and museum in Torrance, California. Their diligence has paid off.

The Edelbrocks have been making performance parts since the 1950's. The name is synonymous with "going fast." It is likely that we will be able to see Vic and Camee Edelbrock racing at the Coronado Speed Festival the weekend before.

The Edelbrock tours are from 10 a.m. to approximately 1 p.m. starting with Camee Edelbrock or Vic Edelbrock talking about the history of the company. Then the tour guides split the tour into groups and you drive to their manufacturing plant; then come back to see the shock building, exhaust building, and their distribution center, all in Torrance. The tours are a lot of walking, then back to the museum for lunch and a goodie bag.

There also is an Edelbrock Sportswear room where they sell clothing.

This is a rare opportunity, and we will be limited to 120 people. SO-CALM has been invited to participate as well...after all, it is in their backyard.

Please make reservations with Robin Faircloth. Even though there appears to be plenty of time, you don't want to be left out. Make plans and reservations today.

SDMC now has 13 memberships with at least one yellow Miata. Eight of those 13 own two Miatas, and in two cases the second Miata is also yellow!

— GALE

UPCOMING REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS

The 4th Annual Serious Auto Show and Shine 2002:

The Fast and the Curious

Date: Sunday, June 9

Time: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
Judging begins at 12 (noon).

Location: Marina Mazda,
4100 Auto Plaza Drive
Capitola, CA 95010
(831)475-3500

Contact: (877) 696-4282

Come have your car judged in our beauty contest for Miatas. When we hosted our first Show and Shine back in 1999 we weren't sure if anyone would even come. Four days before the event there were about 12 cars signed up. The day of the event we had 28 cars. Needless to say we were delighted. Since then we've grown to over 100 cars!

This year we're expanding the show by teaming up with our local Mazda dealership, Marina Mazda in Capitola. We'll have the whole lot for you to strut your stuff.

Prizes: Trophies for the winners in each car class:

- Stock Class A (only one winner in this category)
- Stock Class B (only one winner in this category)
- Stock Class C (only one winner in this category)
- Custom Class (Three winners)
- Semi-Modified (Three winners)
- Super-Modified (Three winners)
- People's Choice (only one winner in this category)
- Best of Show (only one winner in this category)

The entrance fee of \$10 per car includes one Show and Shine 2002 T-shirt, refreshments, and the chance to win lots of free prizes! Pre-registration ends on May 31st. After this date we can't guarantee you a T-Shirt or lunch

but you're still welcome to attend. Remember, we still need you to fill out the sign-up form even if you don't want your car judged.

http://www.seriousauto.com/events/events_2002/show_and_shine_2002/event_signup.html

Redwood Coast Miata Club Cool Weekend On The Coast 2002

Date: June 14-16 (Friday - Sunday)

Beat the heat and get to the coast ... the Redwood Coast. We're blessed to live in a beautiful corner of the country, amid the redwood forests, rivers, and coastline of wild and scenic Humboldt County, California. Come join us for the Grand Rally, Coolest Miata (show & shine) competition, cool drives to our favorite spots, awards banquet with people's choice awards, autocross on Sunday, and drawings for great prizes. Registration limited to 70 people.

Contact: Austin Dach, RCMC,
407 F Street, Arcata, CA 95521
(707) 826-9006 or calife@creality.com
Web site: <http://rcmiataclub.tripod.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! 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.





Four Miatas and a Funeral

My Miata story is not a typical one. In the beginning, I hated these 'cutesy little chick cars.' I had my heart set on a Honda del Sol. I was all set to buy my little Honda when that familiar nagging voice told me "If you don't get a Miata you'll be sorry." For those of you who know her that "nagging voice" is named VIKKI. I took her advice and on December 20th, 2000 I drove home my 60,000 mile 1990 classic red B-package. I was hooked from then on, swearing that I would never be caught without a Miata for the rest of my life. I loved my car the way it was, but as time flew (as did my money) I started to tinker with my car. Although I hate to agree with my parents, red Miatas are a "dime-a-dozen." So in an effort to make mine a little different, I installed a full factory tan leather interior and a hardtop (not to mention all the other dollar-intensive items).

Like any other drug, Miatas are addicting. It didn't take long for my parents, DEBBY and BRUCE LEWIS, to discover the euphoric state of owning a Miata. On April 13, 2001 we welcomed the newest member of our family, my parent's beautiful 1996 Montego Blue. I would like to think that my parents and I were always rather close. This new hobby we now share really brought us closer. We put together family day runs, washed our cars together, and really enjoyed each

other's company. My parents really dove into the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB headfirst. It wasn't too long before that they were organizing runs and social events at their home. The Miatas have been a life changing event.

It was around this time in my life that I made my important scientific discovery. Miatas are hereditary! I know it is not uncommon for more than one family member to own a Miata (especially in our club). However, I came to my theory on October 3, 2001 when my grandparents, ED and DONNA DITTMAN, who were in their 70's, pulled up in their 1992 White A-package! The infection continued to spread! Three generations of my family were now Miata owners! Now all of us went on family drives and our lives were nothing but sunny days. That is when the clouds rolled in.

Just three short weeks after she purchased her Miata, my grandmother had a massive stroke. The doctors told us that she would not make it. Even during our darkest days and nights, the radiance of the Miata managed to break through. On November 8, 2001, My aunt Linda and I visited my grandmother in the hospital. When we left the hospital we found ourselves on a Mazda lot killing time. As many of you have discovered, you don't merely "kill time" on Mazda lots. So, we drove off the lot that evening in

my aunt's new 2001 Silver Miata. Although this was great news indeed, it did not come entirely without sorrow. Just a short week after the addition of my families 4th Miata, my grandma passed away.

At her funeral services she was honored with what she loved best. Not a limousine procession to the mortuary. Instead there was a procession of about 10 Miatas. It was a beautiful sight—Miatas and friends supporting each other.

2001 was a terrific year for me. My parents and I have become much closer. My grandmother got to start a new life at the age of 73 with her roadster and newfound Miata friends. My aunt now has the same Miata-induced smile on her face as the rest of the family wears. It may not be a well-known saying, but in our case it is certainly true, "MIATAS ARE THE TIES THAT BIND."

— DUSTIN LEWIS

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.

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.



New Members!

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

JAMIE ALEXANDER
Redondo Beach
1992 Sunburst Yellow
2002 Vivid Yellow LS

PAUL BUCHSBAUM
& DIANE GOODMAN
San Diego
2002 Silver

CHRIS CHISOLM
San Diego
2000 Twilight Blue

NIKKI & PAUL CLINE
San Marcos
1990 White B

KARYN & JOHN HENDRICKS
Lemon Grove
1999 Silver

JIM HORVATH
Grover Beach
1995 Red

BILL & ANGELA JONES
Chula Vista
1992 Red

JESSE KARRAS
San Diego
1992 Sunburst Yellow

BRIAN KURKOSKI
La Jolla
1995 Black

JOHN & TONI LAWRENCE
San Diego
1997 Red

DAVID MESSICK
Vista
1996 Montego Blue

DENNY & LORI MILLER
Anza
1991 Silver

JOHN & PAT MINNICH
El Cajon
2001 Silver

JOE & DIANA MOORE
Pine Valley
2001 White LS

SUSAN RODGERS
San Diego
1991 Red

JULIE STEFANELLI
Morro Bay
2001 Crystal Blue

SCOTT WEXMAN & DIANA LEVIN
San Diego
1995 Black R

**Renewing Members
(since last newsletter):**

JOHN "JD" LIMA
& CAROLYN THOMAS

DIANE LONG

STEVE & LAURIE WAD

RAY & NANCY ACEVEDO

RICHARD ACKERMANN
& CATHERINE TALLEY

BARRY & SHIRLEY BILLINGSLEY

DAVID & LORI BRYAN

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LOLITA NOGA

JIM PIERCE & ABBEY CHAMBERLAIN

BILL & BILLYE PRESTON

DONNA & RICK RAMSEY

JOHN ROBBINS

TOM & DONA THOMPSON

Membership Statistics

As of April 28, 2002, there are 378 memberships (150 single, 228 dual) for a total of 606 members.

Memberships by Miata Color:

99	Red
53	White
41	Black
36	Silver
32	Emerald Green
20	Montego Blue
15	BRG
15	Yellow
12	Sapphire Blue
11	Twilight Blue
9	Mahogany
9	Mariner Blue
8	Crystal Blue
8	Marina Green
7	Laguna Blue
6	Merlot
5	Starlight Blue
3	Midnight Blue
2	Evolution Orange
1	Laser Blue
1	Titanium
1	Teal (custom)
5	Unreported*

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

SDMC Member Miatas

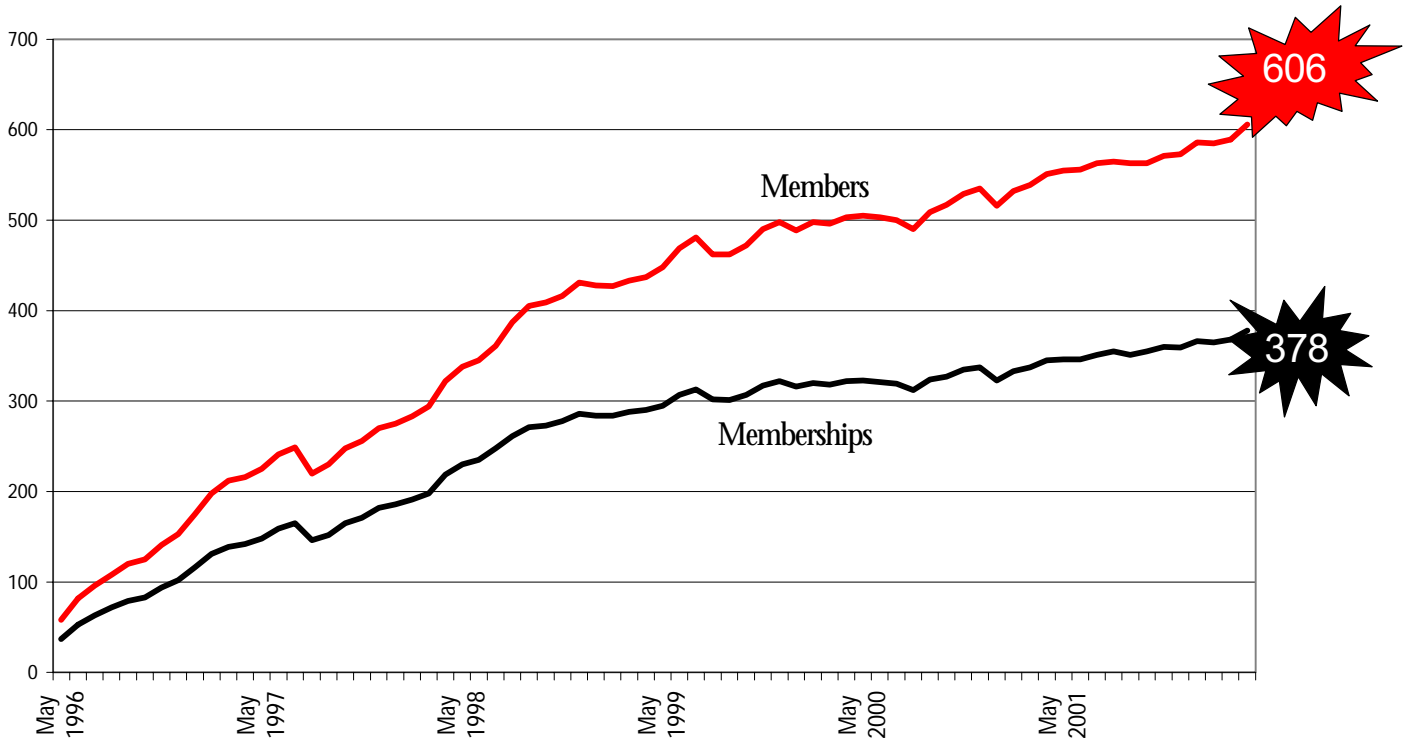
By Model Year

April 2002

1990	44
1991	30
1992	35
1993	26
1994	37
1995	30
1996	18
1997	28
1999	65
2000	33
2001	36
2002	12
Total	394



San Diego Miata Club Membership
May 1996 - May 2002



April 27 - Saturday
SDMC Annual
Membership Meeting
and Board Elections



PHOTO: MARK BOOTH

Jack DiLustro and Gale Chan registered attendees as they entered the room.



PHOTO: BARB SHEV

Approximately 120 San Diego Miata Club members filled the Hall of Fame Room at the San Diego Automotive Museum for the annual meeting on April 27th.



PHOTO: MARK BOOTH

Steve Waid and Elliot Shev conducted the raffle after the elections were held. The membership in attendance overwhelmingly voted to use the proceeds from the raffle to supplement the SDMC Holiday Party in December.





PHOTO: BARB SHEV

The 2002-2003 San Diego Miata Club executive board.

Left to Right — Steve Kennison, vice president, Jim Brokaw, treasurer, Veronica Didier, secretary, Sal Causarano, president.



PHOTO: BARB SHEV

The shadow falls on a new era for the San Diego Miata Club as Elliot Shev hands the presidency over to Sal Causarano.



PHOTO: ART HAMILTON

All past presidents, and the new one, joined together to cut the San Diego Miata Club birthday cake.

Left to Right— Steve Waid, Rainer Mueller, Mark Booth, Sal Causarano, Elliot Shev.



PHOTO: KEN & KATHY ROBERTS

Is this another multi-colored San Diego Miata Club run? No...it is a close-up view of the SDMC birthday cake (we are six years old).

Time flies when you're having fun...that ought to be the motto of this club! Yesterday was a blur for me. It went by very quickly. The annual meeting normally takes months of planning and preparation and sadly, it's all over in a few hours.

On a more serious note—I want to thank all of you for your vote of confidence and support yesterday in selecting me to lead this club into another year of fun and excitement. I will do my absolute best not to disappoint you. I would also like to congratulate the other board members elected yesterday: STEVE KENNISON—vice president, JIM BROKAW—treasurer and VERONICA DIDIER—secretary. I am truly looking forward to working with the new elected board and the talented and energetic appointed board: ANTHONY WILDE (NevadaBob), ROBERT HOLLAND (JT), DAVE MARTIN, GALE CHAN, “JD” LIMA, STEVE WAID, PAULA KENNISON, ROZ SCOTT, DUSTIN LEWIS, and MIKE SHACK. All of these people work very hard and donate many hours to do the many things necessary to make this club function. Time does go by too quickly and the human nature in all of us wants the fun times to last forever. That's where you come in...without you, this club wouldn't exist. We all depend on each other, *the membership*, to plan events or adventures for all of us to enjoy and savor. If you don't plan an event, that means I'm at home working on something that was on Geri's “TO DO” list. Trust me—that ain't fun!

I practice an open door policy. If you wish to contact me, you can reach me in one of many ways. My home number is (760) 787-0624. My work number is (619) 524-7620. My e-mail is wood-dust@cox.net, or now you can use president@sandiegomiataclub.org. Thanks again. Life is a journey, enjoy the ride.

— Your “Pal” SAL



Here are the winners of the raffle held at the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB Annual Meeting on April 27. Please congratulate the winners and thank the vendors who donated the raffle prizes.

Prize Vendor or Donor	Prize	Winner
Allen's Wrench	Oil Change Certificate	Rainer Mueller, Charlie Kilgore, John Breen, Sal Causarano, Pat Minnich
American Battery	Miata Batteries	Barry Billingsley, Wally Stevens, Robin Faircloth
Brainstorm	Vent Rings	John Minnich
	Shift Ring	Jim Brokaw
	Gauge Rings/Buttons	Tom Thompson
Coast Car Covers	California Car Dusters	Mark Booth, Sal Causarano, Jeremy Lagdao
	50% Off Car Cover	Steve & Paula Kennison
Crazy Red Italian	Air Horns	Dave Martin
Cush Mazda	Miata Hats	Terry Cooper, JD Lima, Leo Dailey
McKeever's Fast Lane Racing School	50% Off Driving School	Laurie Waid
Dave Turner	\$50 Gift Certificate	Peggy Sanders (2)
David Levy	Trunk Lift Kit	Elliot Shev
Dent Man	\$50 Gift Certificate	Woody Woodhouse, Geoff Fahring (2)
Ed Hanson	\$50 Gift Certificate	Larry Dennstedt
Flyin' Miata	\$25 Gift Certificate	Eric Abad, Mamiko Suzuki, Herm Brehmer
Geri's Bazaar	Tote Bags	Lolita Noga, Mark Booth
Good-Win Racing	Strut Tower Brace	Eric Abad
Jim's Auto Upholstery	Teo Leo's Dinner for 2	Wally Stevens
	Padres Tickets	Jeanette Holladay
	AMC Movie Tickets	David Bryan
	Free Robbin's Top& Installation	Clayton Wong
Just Dings	Repair Certificate	Herm Brehmer
Kesler Kustoms	Candy Braces	Bill Shaffer, Diane Long
Larry Dennstedt's Auto Repair	Free Labor Tune-Up	David Bryan
Lutz Tire	Free Balance & Rotate	Nick Ponce
	Free Four-Wheel Align	Dennis Didier
Mazda/MOC	Chairs	Bill Shaffer, John Lawrence, Rainer Mueller, Steve Waid, Cindy Paloma
	Leather Portfolio	Eric Abad, James Grundy
Meguiar's	Car Care Kits	Randy Patterson, Rainer Mueller
MM Marketing	Windblocker	Charlene Brokaw
	Gift Certificate	Sal Causarano
Racing Beat	Set of Springs	Bob Patterson
	Set of Sway Bars	Geoff Fahring
Serious Auto	Cell Phone Holder	Laurie Waid
	Mirror	Jerry Boster
	Mazda Watch	Maryanne Garon
	Shirt	Helen Sharp
	License Frame	David Bryan
	Deer Avoidance System	Bob Patterson
	Aluminum Pedal Set	Rick Keach
Skorpion Racing	Certificate for Custom Ear Plugs	Mark Booth, Wally Stevens
Team Voodoo	Watches	Charlie Kilgore, Helen Sharp
	Shirts	Janice Boster, Sal Causarano
	Hats	Ken Roberts, Mike Faircloth
	Pollo Rampante Tire Valve Caps	Larry Dennstedt
Trussville Mazda	Chrome Fuel Door	Diane Long
Elliot Shev	Brainstorm Gauge Surround	Jim Brokaw
	Moss Motors Gift Certificates	Terry Cooper, Charlie Kilgore, Rainer Mueller
Jack DiLustro	Mazda Backpack	Jim Sanders
Sal Causarano	Miata Model	Rick Keach



AUTOCROSS AT THE "O"

April 7, 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 Southern California Autocross Team (SCAT), and held at Qualcomm Stadium.

Class	Driver	Car	Place
CS	ED PITTS	Miata	5th
IS2	ROBERT HOLLAND	Miata	1st
IS2	BRIAN GOODWIN	Miata	3rd
IS2	RAINER MUELLER	Miata	4th
IS2	JOHN LIMA	Miata	5th
IS2	MICHAEL HEINTZ	Miata	6th
IS2	KEVIN HAYWOOD	Miata	8th
IS2	STEVE WAID	Miata	10th
IS2	JIM BROKAW	Miata	12th
IS2	ANDY DEVENDORF	Miata	13th
IS2	JOSEPH MEDINA	Miata	14th
IS2	BOB KRUEGER	Miata	15th
IS2L	VERONICA DIDIER	Miata	2nd
CSP	RON CHAPMAN	Honda CRX	2nd
CSP	MARA CALER	Honda CRX	3rd
SU	HOWARD KUZMINSKI	Miata	8th



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

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.

Yahoo! We are a Group!

With the Yahoo! Groups, there are a few steps required to gain access to the forums. You are required to register your e-mail address with a Yahoo ID.

Let's start from scratch. It comes down to a question: Do you have a Yahoo! ID? If not, then follow the instructions below (if you do have a Yahoo! ID, then look further down for instructions).

Ok, so you are on the list, but you don't know how to access the "Files" or "Calendar" section for the Yahoo SDMC-List group. Go to:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/convwiz>

There you have two choices: Enter your email address and password and click "Continue" (if you originally set one up with eGroups), or enter your e-mail address (the one you use for the SDMC e-mail list) and click "Continue." If you are new to the service, it will e-mail you an authoriza-

tion code. When you get this message, follow the instructions and it will guide you in entering the authorization code for your e-mail address. Once done, you will now be instructed on creating a Yahoo! ID. This will allow you to bind your e-mail address with your Yahoo! ID.

Enter all the relevant information and you should hopefully create a Yahoo! ID. I say hopefully because Yahoo! has millions of users, and there is a strong chance that the Yahoo! ID you choose will already be taken. So you persevere and you finally get a Yahoo! ID that links with the e-mail address you use on the SDMC-List group. Once done, all you need to remember is your Yahoo! ID and your Yahoo password to get access to the e-mail address linked to that address. Now what? Well, now you can access the "Files" and "Calendar" sections freely. Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SDMC-List/files/> and you will see all the files available for download.

Let's say you already have a Yahoo!

ID and password, but you want to link the e-mail address used on "SDMC-List" to it. Go to

<http://groups.yahoo.com/>

On the left side of the screen, enter your Yahoo! ID and Yahoo! password and it will show you the e-mail address linked to that ID. To add another e-mail address to that ID, click on the "My Preferences" link in the top right, click on the "Edit" button for the "E-mail Addresses" section and you can add as many as five additional e-mail addresses to your Yahoo! ID. Hopefully one of those will be the one you use for the Yahoo! "SDMC-List" group.

If you ever need assistance with your account or access, please email me at jtbob@pacbell.net

— ROBERT "JTBOB" HOLLAND
 Webguy - Postguy



From top to bottom, inside and out. Three dozen Miatas received loving care and meticulous attention from owners and helpers at the Tech Day in Ramona the last Saturday in March.



March 30 - Saturday
Tech Day in Ramona

From top (fixed minor rip) to bottom (brakes and braces). Inside (wiring mods, dash repair) and out (dent removal and cleaning). And plenty of other fixes and enhancements as well. All in all it was a most rewarding—as well as very jovial—day.

LARRY DENNSTEDT was there with his special gizmos and gadgets to make our special cars even more special. A throng gathered around as he explained the intricacies of checking the timing. TED KESLER sold all of his braces. El presidente ELLIOT was his usual helpful self with tips and guidance throughout a variety of projects. The Dent Man made many folks happy. Power washing made engines sparkle and cleansed away accumulated dirt on the outside.

One tormented owner of a yellow machine spent all day in work bay No. 1, as the curious and the helpful wandered by to see what the heck was going on. Had something to do with putting lights where they do not naturally fit. Others figured he just wanted



PHOTO: CHARLENE & JIM BROKAW



The shaded patio at the Causarano's home proved to be popular throughout the day. The day's warm temps were preceded by a minor temblor nearby to start the day.

PHOTO: DIANE LONG



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Guess who?



PHOTO: VOODOO BOB KRUEGER





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While Ted was under a Miata somewhere, Sue was slaving away over the grill. Great dogs Sue!

to make sure he did not lose position No. 1 at any time.

It is always a delight seeing club members offering fixit tips to other members, and then in turn picking up new tips themselves.

Getting to Ramona is something else as well. Not like driving down Highway 15. Plenty of scenery and enough twisties to challenge the Miata mystique.

And the food. Ah, the food. GERI went beyond herself (despite the neck brace for more disc surgery) with chili, muffins, bagels, drinks, hot dogs, munchies, and even chocolate Easter eggs. Even VOODOO BOB had a special chilled wine for the cognoscente.

A grand day was had by all.

— TOM SPRAGUE



PHOTO: DIANE LONG



PHOTO: VOODOO BOB KRUEGER

What do the neighbors think?



PHOTO: CHARLENE & JIM BROKAW

Left and Below— Everyone showed up at the Tech Day, even Spiderman made an appearance!



PHOTO: VOODOO BOB KRUEGER



PHOTO: DIANE LONG

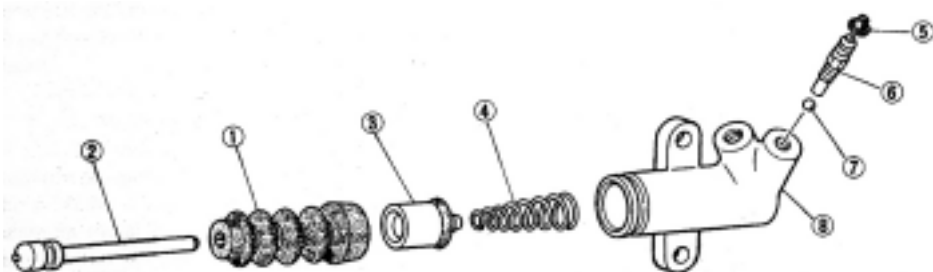


Shiftless in San Diego

Things may not always be as they seem to be at first glance. Even when working on our magical, mystical Miatas.

When the clutch in my Silver '90 began acting up, I facetiously figured it was by osmosis because of all the e-mail postings about which fluid to use in the transmission. (I use whatever LARRY DENNSTEDT tells me to use in my every day street stock car with 131,027 miles.)

It was getting hard to shift, and finally would not go into any gear no matter how hard I tugged on the non-Voodoo shift handle. With some suggestions and assistance from my Scripps Ranch neighbors ANTHONY WILDE and DIANE LONG, I looked at the clutch hydraulic master cylinder under the hood. Peering through the Plexiglas it seemed the fluid level was



Exploded breakdown of the clutch slave cylinder shows the piston and O-ring (#3) which can fail and allow the hydraulic fluid to leak out. Usually the leaking fluid will collect inside the rubber dust boot (#1) and not drip out, thereby masking the problem from detection.

halfway—just like it shows in the owner's manual where the level should be.

So, that left me perplexed. But then I took the top off the cylinder, and found it was EMPTY. The residue from earlier fluid had left a mark around the inside that at a glance from the outside would indicate the reservoir was filled. I poured in some fluid from Diane's supply in her garage and once again the shifting was semi-normal.

As Anthony suggested, the problem was a leaking slave cylinder (next to

the transmission). There are no drips on the garage floor, as the outer seal keeps the fluid inside the cylinder even though it is not where it is supposed to be. A trip to Andy's Auto Repair nearby on Miramar Road solved the problem. Andy charged me \$75 for parts (from Tokico) and installation. Since the part from Miata (before discount) would have been \$78.32, I figured that was a pretty good deal.

After my problem, there were a number of mentions of the same situation reported on the SDMC e-mail postings. The consensus was it is a frequent malaise, but relatively simple to correct. The slave cylinder seems to give out after eight years or so. STEF GOULD says "if I can change it, you can." She also reported it can be inexpensive, as a rebuild kit from NAPA costs only \$4.

Moral of the story? Never accept what you see at first glance. And have good neighbors and friends from the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB.

— TOM SPRAGUE

The clutch slave cylinder is at the lower right of this illustration. The master cylinder for the clutch system is at the far left.

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Miata Technical Service Bulletin

2001-2002 Miata difficult to fill fuel/gas pump shuts off early.

Subject Bulletin No. 01-011/02



Last issued: 04/02/2002

Applicable Model(s)/VINS:

All 2001 Miata and 2002 Miata with a VIN of JM1NB353*20229638 and lower, built prior to March 1, 2002.

Description

While fueling the vehicle, the fuel pump may shut off before the fuel tank is full. The customer may complain that the vehicle is difficult to fuel, or fuel pump shuts off too soon during fill up. The fuel tank, filler pipe and breather pipe have been revised to correct this condition.

Repair Procedure

1. Verify the customer concern.
2. Remove the fuel tank according to workshop manual procedure "Fuel Tank Removal/Installation" (section 01-14).
3. Replace the fuel filler pipe, breather pipe, and fuel tank with new revised parts according to workshop manual procedure "Fuel Tank Removal/Installation" (section 01-14). **Note:** Replacement breather pipe does not utilize the orifice which was used on the production part. The orifice should not be installed on the replacement breather pipe for this repair.
4. Verify repair.

Parts Information

Part Number	Description	Qty
NC49-42-110A	Fuel Tank	1
NC49-42-210D	Filler Pipe	1
NC49-42-232	Breather Pipe	1

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: Monster Motorsports Roll Bar out of my '93. It has a factory cockpit brace welded in and 1/2" SFI padding in place. Will fit under all tops. Painted black, includes all Grade-8 bolts, and installation help. \$150. Ted, maway@aol.com or

For Sale: 1994 Miata, M-Edition, 108K miles, runs great. Salvage title. \$4999. Tony, (619) 303-5036

For Sale: 1992 Miata 14-inch alloy wheels (4). Used for autocrossing and have worn out Kumho autocross tires. Wheels in excellent condition. \$150.

Barb, (858) 679-0777, sapphire@teamvoodoo.com

For Sale: 1994 Miata, M-Edition, Montego Blue, tan interior. A/C, P/S, P/W, cruise control, CD player, ABS. 4-point Autopower roll bar, new leather interior. Lots of aftermarket stuff. 60K miles. \$7,990.

Sal, (760) 787-0624 or wood-dust@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. \$100 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. 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: 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: 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. \$58,000.

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

Buying or selling your Miata or Miata accessories? You can do it for *free* on Miatamart—the MIATA FOR SALE Web site, run by SDMC member RAINER MUELLER. Check it out at www.miatamart.com

