

# SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## UPCOMING EVENTS



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## The Road Ahead

This is my first President's Message as the new club president, and wouldn't you know it, I waited until a day before the newsletter deadline to begin writing it. Let me start out by saying that I am extremely honored to be elected as the president of the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB. I sincerely appreciate your confidence and support.

As the first order of business as your new president, I would like to congratulate the other elected members to the board and sincerely thank the retiring members. Retiring from the board are ELLIOT SHEV and JACK DILUSTRO. Elliot served as president for the last two years, and as treasurer before that. Jack served as secretary for the last year. Their dedication, hard work, and perseverance is greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten.

Newly elected board members are STEVE KENNISON, as vice-president, and VERONICA DIDIER, as secretary. JIM BROKAW is returning to his second term as club treasurer. I look forward to working with our newly elected board as well as our appointed board members. All of these people make the club function as a whole, for you—the membership. Their efforts cannot be rewarded enough.

Having been at the helm now for a little less than a month, I wanted to share with you my vision for the road ahead. What does the road ahead have in store for us? None of us knows for certain, but as we all have experienced, that never-ventured curve or straightaway can prove to be fun, exciting, breathtaking, or on those rare occasions, less than desirable. A driving experience can be a mixture of good and not so good. It is my goal, and I hope your goal, to stay focused on the good and try to steer clear of mishaps.

Here is our mini-roadmap which will be updated as we venture into this next year. We have come a long way in a relatively short period of time. In six years we have grown from a club of 11 members to over 600 members. This is a testament to the fact that we are a club that is living up to our stated mission, vision, and goals. I certainly do not feel that size is what makes an organization successful, but that the people who participate, support, and believe in that organization make it successful.

Will the road ahead lead us as a club to sponsor another successful regional event? Will we form and sponsor our own autocross team? Will we have more events or fewer events than last year? Will the population of the yellow Miatas continue to grow in this club and eventually overtake the reds? Will STEVE WAID ever get a CB radio that works? These are things that we as members need to de-

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cide. Well, except for the CB part. In the meantime, I, along with all the board members, elected and appointed, will continue to encourage all members to sponsor an event, attend meetings, support your club, but most of all, have fun and enjoy yourself.

In the next few months you will see subtle changes to areas such as regalia (more variety-more colors) and the Web site (a bit more Jazz). In addition we will soon publish an updated edition of the Member Handbook, plus new updates of the Membership Roster. My philosophy has always been "If it ain't busted—don't try to fix it!" It is my intent to adhere to that philosophy with all my heart and soul. Trust me—this club ain't busted. Some of the things that enticed GERI and I to become members were the abundance of camaraderie, friendship, willingness to help, new adventurous fun events, and laughter.

There are exciting times ahead and I am thrilled by the opportunity to lead this club into another year of *Fun* and enjoyment of this exciting sports car.

You have my pledge to listen, lead, and learn.

— YOUR "PAL" SAL

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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Your "Pal" Sal Causarano (right) and his "gal pal" Geri (left) with their 2002 "Woodstock."

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**Submission deadline is the 15th of each month.**

*Editor reserves the right to edit all submissions*

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

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

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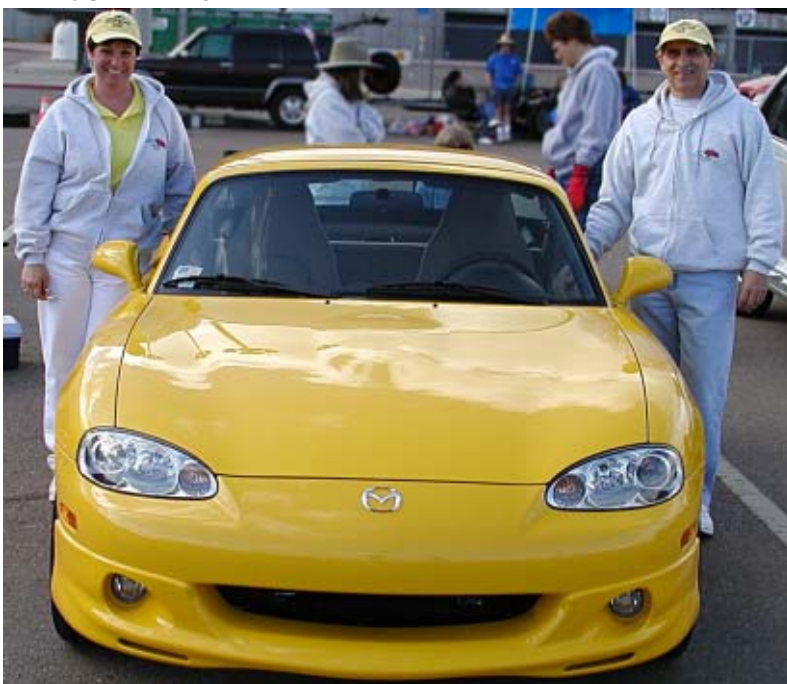


Photo: MARK BOOTH



**Cruisin' Grand Wheels'N'Meals**



**Date:** Friday, June 7

**Meeting Time:** 6 p.m. to eat,

Leave for cruisin' 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.

**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](mailto: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.

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.

**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](mailto: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 back yard. We'll likely watch a movie after sunset on our projection setup if anyone wants to stay (156 inch projection).

**Note:** Many maps are incorrect, be careful to follow the directions below.

**Directions from Escondido:**

- 1) Take 78 east to College Blvd North. The exit takes you to Vista Way; you go left and get in the right lane. (0.12 miles) Turn right on College Blvd.
- 2) Take College Blvd North 4.57 Miles to the 76 (used to be Mission Ave.) where you will be making a left.
- 3) Go west on the 76 for 0.62 miles to the second light (the first available right hand turn) and make a right on Frazee.
- 4) Go down Frazee 1.5 miles to your second left, Pala Road.
- 5) Take Pala 0.16 miles to your second left, Calle Bolero.
- 6) Make your first left (.06 miles) on Doral Ct. We are the third house on the right, 4632 Doral Ct.

**Directions from the I-5:**

- 1) Exit on Highway 76 east (about 4 exits north of the 78) Proceed about 5 miles to Old Grove Road.
- 2) Exit left on Old Grove Road (north) and go to the second right (.25 miles), Frazee.
- 3) Take Frazee to your first right (.10), Pala Road.

4) Take Pala (0.16 miles) to your second left, Calle Bolero.

5) Make your first left (.06 miles) on Doral Ct. We are the third house on the right, 4632 Doral Ct.

**Planned Impromptu Run**

**Date:** Saturday, June 22

**Meeting Time:** 11 a.m.

**Meeting Place:** Target shopping center at the corner of Jamacha Road and Highway 94 in Rancho San Diego. Meet in the parking lot near the Carl's Jr.



**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, June 23

**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

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, June 27

**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!*



Upcoming Events (Continued on page 4)



### Ice Cream Social

4th of July Parade  
Planning Party  
Date: Sunday, June 30  
Time: 2 p.m.



Place: 9945 Cummins Place, Scripps Ranch

Hostess: DIANE LONG

(858) 566-6973 or [djaws@san.rr.com](mailto:djaws@san.rr.com)

Bring your favorite ice cream or toppings. This will be a pre-planning party for the annual Scripps Ranch 4th of July parade. Let's come up with some more great ideas to defend our First Place in the last three years' parades. This year we will decorate the SDMC "float" that was constructed at last years' social.

*Directions:* I-15 to Pomerado/Miramar Road exit. East on Pomerado. Left onto Scripps Ranch Blvd., right onto Red Rock and right on Cummins Place.

### FUTURE EVENTS

#### Scripps Ranch 4th of July Parade

Date: Thursday, July 4  
Meeting Time: 7 a.m.



Place: 9945 Cummins Place, Scripps Ranch

Coordinator: DIANE LONG,

(858) 566-6973 or [djaws@san.rr.com](mailto:djaws@san.rr.com)

The Scripps Ranch 4th of July Parade is a small community parade where almost anything goes. There are the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, bands, the lawn-mower drill team, local dignitaries, etc. It is a basic home town, have fun, parade. We will be defending our First Place for car clubs that we have won the last three years.

The parade starts at 10 a.m., so we will be meeting between 7 and 8 a.m. to decorate our Miatas. We have some club decorations, but please bring some more, if you can, to share. We will leave for our parade position no later than 9 a.m., so coming early is important. The street to the meeting

place will be closed off around 8:45 a.m. The parade will end about 11 a.m.

#### 4th of July BBQ & Pool Party, Fireworks Too!

Date: Thursday, July 4  
Time: After the parade  
Place: The home of BARB &



ELLIOT SHEV, 14425 Trailwind Road, Poway, Ca 92064

RSVP: Elliot, [kingfish@teamvoodoo.com](mailto:kingfish@teamvoodoo.com) or (858) 679-0777.

After the parade everyone will want to cool off, so Barb and Elliot have once again opened their home to the club to enjoy. Their home overlooks Poway High School and the fireworks are spectacular from there.

**\*\*\*RSVP is required\*\*\***

This is a BYOB event. We all split the cost of the food, which should be around \$10 per person.

#### 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](http://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](http://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



Dates: July 19, 20, 21

Friday dinner

Saturday run and dinner

Sunday run them out of town

*More details to follow*



## 6<sup>TH</sup> Annual "Miles of Miatas For MDA"

**Date:** Saturday, August 10th

**Meeting Time:** 9 a.m.

**Meeting Location:** Boll Weevil  
9300 Clairmont Mesa Blvd.  
(at Ruffin Road), San Diego  
(858) 571-6225

Plans are being finalized for the sixth annual charity event "Miles of Miatas for MDA." Last year SDMC raised over \$12,000 through the generosity of club members and our Miata vendors.

Participants will receive two event T-shirts for raising over \$100 and will be provided a raffle ticket for every \$50 raised. Additional raffle tickets can be purchased at \$1 each or 15 for \$10. Cost of the BBQ dinner will be \$12 per person. Checks for the dinner can be mailed to the Hinkles at 733 S. Kalmia St., Escondido, CA 92025.

So mark your calendars for August 10th and plan to join the Hinkles and fellow Miata enthusiasts for the 6th Annual "Miles of Miatas for MDA." With your support and generosity we can all make a difference in the life of a child and our hope for a cure. It's going to be a *ZOOM ZOOM* fun-filled day of driving a festivities.

Watch your July and August newsletters for more event details and MDA "Miles of Miatas" sponsor forms.

## Edelbrock Tour

**Date:** Saturday, October 19

**Place:** Edelbrock factory and museum in Torrance, California.

**Contact:** ROBIN & MIKE

FAIRCLOTH, [HawkinLady@aol.com](mailto:HawkinLady@aol.com)

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.

## San Diego Miata Club Holiday Party

**Date:** Sunday, December 15

**Location:** San Vicente Inn (San Diego Country Estates), 24157 San Vicente Road, Ramona, CA 92065

**Hosts:** MIKE & ROBIN FAIRCLOTH,  
(760) 789-5171 or

[hawkinlady@aol.com](mailto:hawkinlady@aol.com)

Dinner will be served buffet style. Once summer is over, there will be more information to relay regarding cost, menu, directions, etc.



## UPCOMING REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS

### First Annual Delta Miata Club/Diablo Mazda Car Show

**Date:** Saturday, July 6

**Time:** 10:30 a.m.

**Place:** Diablo Mazda, Walnut Creek, California

The registration form can be found at [www.deltamiata.net/carshow02/app.html](http://www.deltamiata.net/carshow02/app.html).

A \$5 entry fee will be collected at the show. All entry fees will be donated to Shepherd's Gate, a non-profit organization for services and housing for battered and homeless women and children.

For directions, go to [www.diablolmazsub.com](http://www.diablolmazsub.com).

## Flyin' Miata Open House

**Date:** August 15-19

**Location:** Flyin' Miata,  
331 South 13th Street,  
Grand Junction, CO

Every year, Miata enthusiasts from all over descend on Western Colorado for the annual FM Open House. It's a chance to meet the folks at FM and other Miata nuts, take in the great roads and scenery, get your car dyno tested and even be in a parade.

This year, we've rented the local kart track for both karting and Miata fun—it's great for people with really short attention spans. We're also having a bit of a special event when Dan Pedroza (of MRoad) gets married to his fiancée Dani!

If you're interested in joining us, please fill out the pre-registration form before June 15. There's no commitment, but we'll use these numbers to gauge interest and set the prices. Please don't fill it out if you know you won't be coming.

[www.flyinmiata.com/news/openhouse02/default.asp](http://www.flyinmiata.com/news/openhouse02/default.asp)

**Accommodations:** Hawthorn Suites,  
225 Main Street, Grand Junction,  
CO (800) 922-3883 or (970) 242-2525

View their rooms! [www.hawthorn.com](http://www.hawthorn.com)  
General room info: 25 rooms (20 single studios and 5 double studios) have been blocked off for "Flyin' Miata." The block of rooms is reserved from Thursday night, August 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday morning August 18<sup>th</sup>. All of the rooms have one queen-size bed, one queen sofa sleeper, refrigerator, microwave, TV, Internet access and two phone lines. Non-smoking and smoking rooms are available. Pets are allowed, but the hotel requires notice at the time you make your reservation if you plan to bring a pet. Two bedroom suites are available. The room

**Regional & National Events** (Continued on page 11)





— JEANETTE HOLLADAY

**M**y love for the Miata started in 1995 when my Honda Civic went into the shop for some electrical snags. The Enterprise Rent-a-Car near Cush Escondido had a red Miata. I spent the extra \$10 a day for the convertible for my commute, and in the evenings my husband drove it to the top of Palomar Mountain. That run was similar to “Mr. Jeff’s Wild Toad Ride” at Disneyland. And that is how this story begins.

In 1996, we determined I needed a newer car and started shopping. I test drove every kind of sporty car within the right price range, and after a month or two told my husband “You know, I’d be perfectly happy with a Miata.” Coincidentally, my father-in-law was selling his ‘92 Classic Red Miata, so I purchased it and within a couple months became a member of the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB.

When I bought the 1992, it had gone 80,000 miles. The car had perfect maintenance records (the first owner was also a SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB member) and it just kept going and going. With my daily commute

getting longer and longer due to various job changes, in January 2002 the odometer flipped 200,000.

Life was good. Until the night of March 4, when a Chevy Suburban failed to heed a stop sign and drove directly into my path. I estimated I impacted his driver side at about 15-20 mph. The little red car did its job and saved me, with only minor whiplash and a sprained ankle.

After scouring the used car market, I was unable to find a replacement that had been kept as well as mine. After I dragged my husband all around San Diego, Orange, and Riverside Counties, he wisely suggested I get a new Miata, as there wasn’t one person in the world he could think of who would appreciate it more. (I think he was just exhausted from looking for little red cars!).

The night of March 30 (after yet another fun-filled day of looking at dinged up Miatas), I had researched inventory on mazdausa.com and discovered that John Hine Mazda in San Diego had exactly the Miata I was searching for. We drove down and met with a really

nice and funny British salesguy named Mel Roberts. We spent the next two hours with him filling out paperwork and exchanging life stories. At the end, I brought home a 2002 Classic Red Miata. 1992 and 2002—seems like a nice time span.

I was a little concerned that I wouldn’t be able to love the 2002 like I had loved the 1992. After all, I had lost its classic pop-up headlights and Italian-inspired finger pull door latches! Then, a couple days after I bought it, I walked out into the parking lot and looked at its face, and then looked again. That was when I noticed it has dimples! Okay, I know it’s a bit silly, but if you use your imagination, the fog lights look like dimples. I know, because I have dimples when I smile, too. Since that day, I’ve been doing a lot of smiling.

MARK BOOTH wrote that it’s a brand new love affair, all over again. I’m inclined to agree. I’m definitely falling in love with my 2002.

— JEANETTE

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

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

*You can also mail it to the Club P.O. Box. Please include a photo. We want to be able see your face. — Your photo will be returned.*



**New Members!**

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

CHAUNCY CHRISTOPHER  
Temecula  
1992 Red

JERRY CISINSKY  
San Diego  
1993 Red B

LARRY CLAPPER & GRETCHEN VIK  
San Diego  
2001 Red

KIRK HOUSE  
San Diego  
1999 Silver LS

RICK KAGAMASTER  
Dana Point  
1990 White

TROY & JEANNE RAY  
Chula Vista  
2002 SE (Titanium)

MICHAEL & PEGGY SHIREY  
San Diego  
2001 Midnight Blue

GRANT STALEY  
San Diego  
1994 M (Montego Blue)

JENNIFER WESTFALL  
San Diego  
2001 Midnight Blue LS

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

TOM & PAULA ANDERSON  
JIM & CHARLENE BROKAW  
JERRY & JAYNE BURGESS  
HAL CLARK & ROBIN WATERS  
VICKIE & DAN CLEMONS  
CHUCK & JEAN COLE  
GEOFF FAHRING &  
XAVIER CASTILLO  
SHAWN KELSON  
PAULA MUDARRI  
KERRY & SHARRON POWELL  
KEN & KATHY ROBERTS  
MIKE & KAREN STILES

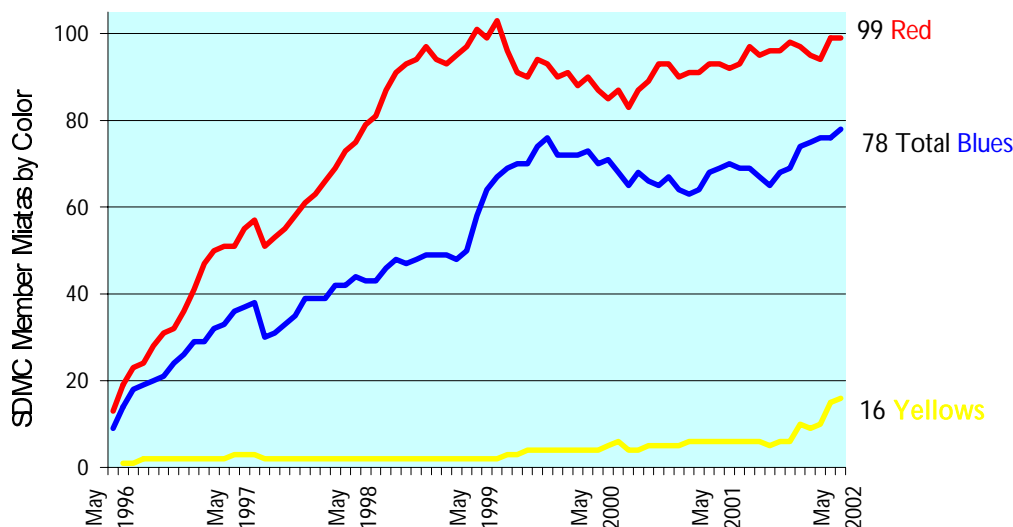
**Membership Statistics**

As of May 25, 2002, there are 381 memberships (155 single, 226 dual) for a total of 607 members.

Memberships by Miata Color:

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

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

**Red vs Total of All Blues**

Recent discussions about whether there are more blue Miatas in the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB than reds have led to the graph at the left.

By tracking the total of all blue Miatas (including Montego Blue which is only sometimes blue), the red Miatas have always been more in number.

The yellows were added, not just for comic relief, but to show that even by repainting all of them blue, the blues would not overtake the reds.

— EDITOR





Full gas tanks; empty bladders; don't be late...on Saturday morning, May 4th, just after O'dark thirty, 28 Miatas lined up to begin the annual search for Madonna, led by LAURIE and STEVE WAID. Of course, if Phyllis Madonna had preferred yellow to pink the search would not be necessary as Mr. Waid would be drawn to the Inn like a bear to honey.

After two successful lunar-dockings, the real fun began as we left the first pit stop and took Lockwood Valley Road to Highway 33 for a scenic, twisty drive to our next stop, a pistachio farm. A brief rest and the opportunity to stock up on nuts for the long drive on Highway 166 to Highway 101 and the Madonna Inn, where lunch waited, even if some rooms were not yet ready.

After lunch, luggage was off-loaded into available rooms and, once again, most of the group assembled with full stomachs, empty bladders, and full gas tanks for the first official mileage run on some great Miata roads. The San Luis Obispo County Grand Acquaintance Tour helped work up appetites for the official banquet, where the coveted prizes donated by VOODOO BOB KRUEGER were presented to the most skilled or lucky winners of the trip quiz. It was fun to learn that at least 22 of our number have personalized plates and to figure out what



One of the austere rooms at the Madonna Inn.

PHOTO: BARB SHEV



Lois and Dave Martin await the feed at McClintocks.

PHOTO: BARB SHEV



Above— The yellows park in an appropriate area, at least according to the sign.

PHOTO: SAL & GERI CAUSARANO

Below— The Sunday run was 187 miles and included lots of changes in weather and terrain.



Above— Steve Waid learns about asking for a refill on the water at McClintocks.

PHOTO: TOM WOOD

they all mean. It was also good to learn that two had worked as Good Humor men and couples married from as little as 24 hours to over 40 years enjoy Miata road trips together.

The banquet was followed by an open house tour of the rooms occupied by SDMC members. This has to be the best way to check out the various interiors of the interesting, if not quite gaudy, decorating styles of this famous Inn. It also provides an opportunity to pick out which room to book for next year's Search.

Sunday morning most of the group again assembled for the annual trip to the Morro Bay Auto Show. DENNIS went on this run but I elected to forfeit the miles and go shopping at the



PHOTO: BARB SHEV





A happy, if slightly chilled, group of searchers at the base of Morro Rock.



Mike and Elinor Shack share a quiet moment with Pam and Dave Hunt.

hotel gift shops, or the stores across the street. Other searchers took this time to indulge in facials or massages at the Spa in the hotel. This trip definitely has something for everyone.

After lunch, I was ready for the best run of all, 194 miles that included 15 miles of tight twisties with dramatic panoramic views and breathtaking elevation changes. I drove, but Dennis and I took turns keeping our eyes open and teeth clenched. At Ragged Point; as we listened to dinner options, Dennis' suggestion of McClintocks, one of our old favorites, was met with lukewarm enthusiasm. When we got there we were as surprised as everyone else to find over 30 of us ready for dinner. We were seated in less than 30 minutes and dinner was so much fun (be careful when you ask for a refill of water) that there are rumors that this may become a new tradition. I certainly enjoyed having the whole group, led by Steve Waid (with special permission of the management), sing happy birthday to me. I even shared the yummy strawberry shortcake with anyone who wanted some.

Monday morning, most of us again assembled for the run to Solvang for brunch and/or shopping. BARBARA SHEV and I found some Miata stickers in one of the shops. Red, blue, black,

and naturally, yellow Miatas became an instant best seller. Alas, then it was on the road again, reluctant to see this wonderful weekend end.

On behalf of all the Searchers I have talked to or read e-mail from, many thanks to the Waids for organizing this event. And special thanks to JIM HORVATH and JULIE STEFANELLI for sharing their knowledge of the Miata roads of their beautiful area.

— VERONICA DIDIER

### The Car I Loved the Most?

Have a story about your "Favorite Car?" You have a chance to win one of 10 prizes of \$100 each by telling Parade magazine about it in 100 words or less. Entries must be post-marked by midnight, July 15, and sent to:

#### The Car I Loved the Most

c/o Parade  
P.O. Box 5099, Grand Central Station  
New York, NY 10163-5099

Enter online at:

[www.parade.com/special](http://www.parade.com/special)

Include name, address, and daytime phone number.

### Need a CB to Lead a Run? Good News!

**Fact No. 1:** For safety and convenience, the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB has long recommended using a CB radio on club runs and other events.

**Fact No. 2:** SDMC Events Coordinator STEVE WAID is always looking for new run leaders for these most-popular club events. Having a CB is not required to participate in club runs, but it's almost mandatory if you are a run leader or driving the sweep car (the last one). At a recent board meeting, president SAL CAUSARANO noted that three lighter-plug-powered CBs have been donated to the club. So if lack of a CB radio has kept you from stepping forward to lead a run (or stepping back to sweep), you can arrange with Steve to borrow a CB to lead or sweep your first run. (Then you'll like it so much you'll be willing to buy your own).

Borrowers will be responsible for getting and returning the units, which include a magnetic-mount antenna. Scratch-free tip: Place a single layer of thin plastic (such as one side of a sandwich bag) between the magnetic-mount antenna and your trunk lid.

That's one less excuse for not planning a run...which, by the way, is how you get a set of those really cool club magnetics with your very own car color.





April 20 - Saturday  
 Dam Run 4  
 "Revenge of the Cheese"



PHOTO: MARK BOOTH

Thanks to all who participated in Dam Run IV. This year the weather cooperated and the restaurants were prepared. Congrats to the Wine & Cheese Team for winning the 2000 year old dam artifact that was full of gold and silver. Congrats also to the Monochrome team for getting all the answers right on the trivia contest and coming in second.

When JOYCE and I conceptualized the first Dam Run, we thought it would be cool to do it each year until

the reservoir was filled. We started in 1999 with dirt, and it's due to be filled next April. With that in mind, Dam Run V will be the last in this series of runs, and hopefully the best. To commemorate the filling, it will be good if we get filled up. Really Filled Up!

Dam Run V, The Filling, April 2003. The ultimate culinary journey through the Temecula Valley.

Get your tastebuds ready!

— JOHN & JOYCE RICHARDSON



PHOTO: SAL & GERI CAUSARANO

*We be the Wine, Cheese, and Cracker group*

*Anything other is just plain poop  
 Think you cute, Think you cool  
 Well if you Blue, you a fool*

*You Ugly - You stink - you should see a shrink*

*Don't wanna be green - It like a bad dream*

*You ugly- You stink - you should see a shrink*

*Better dead than Red  
 Yea, you heard what I said*

*You ugly - you stink - you should see a shrink*

*If you car is Black - You should be wacked*

*You ugly - you stink - you should see a shrink*

*If you car is White, you a scary fright*

*You ugly - you stink - you should see a shrink*

*If you Titanium, you got a hole in you cranium*

*You ugly - you stink - you should see a shrink*

*Silver ain't no prize- You telling a bunch of lies*

*You ugly - you stink - you should see a shrink*

*Wine and Cheese and crackers-*

*That us, that right, we bright, we cool,  
 SORRY IF WE CRUEL!!!!!!*



PHOTO: MARK BOOTH

Above— The Wine, Cheese, and Cracker team perform their rap to win the coveted "Dam Trophy." Like any good rap, the lyrics (right) are meant to offend everyone. The groups' performance offended everyone who witnessed it.



PHOTO: MARK BOOTH

Left— The Red Team were confident in their ability to repeat for the "Dam Trophy." It was not to be, as the Wine and Cheesers were re-vengeed.



**May 12, 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 Triple A Race Team (TART), and held at Qualcomm Stadium.

Class	Driver	Car	Place
CS	DENNIS DIDIER	Miata	4th
IS2	BRIAN GOODWIN	Miata	1st
IS2	KEVIN HAYWOOD	Miata	2nd
IS2	ROBERT HOLLAND	Miata	3rd
IS2	JOHN LIMA	Miata	4th
IS2	MICHAEL HEINITZ	Miata	6th
IS2	ED PITTS	Miata	7th
IS2L	VERONICA DIDIER	Miata	2nd
CSP	MARA CALER	Honda CRX	1st
M1(BM)	LARRY DENNSTEDT	CSR	3rd

**AUTOCROSS AT THE "O"**



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

Saturday, July 6.....championship

The schedule for the second half of the year was not available at press time.

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

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

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

**Regional & National Events** (Continued from page 5)  
rate is \$79 for the single studios and \$89 for the double studios. The rooms are reserved until July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Please call to make your individual reservations and refer to Flyin' Miata.

**The Greater Cincinnati Miata Club's Midwest Miata Gathering**

**Dates:** September 7 - 9

**Place:** Cincinnati, Ohio

The first Gathering was held in 1999 as a prototype to an event with a different format from the established national and regional events. It was envisioned as a loosely structured event with minimal costs other than those elected by each individual participant. There is no registration fee nor are there any charges for events put on by the members of GCMC. There is an admission charge to the park where the event is held (\$3 will cover the whole weekend) and some activities (like the dyno Session) have charges related to what the service provider requires. Participants are, of course, required to provide for their

own food and lodging...but even there, there are club members who would host guests if given some warning.

Events have included seminars (free), drives (free), car competitions of various sorts (free), dyno sessions (a charge by dyno operator), nights at an electronic playground like Dave & Busters (fees according to the games played), general enthusiasts BS sessions, group dining out (you order what *you* want), R/C races, autocross competitions (usually SCCA or similar with their fees applying), gymkhanas (free - low pressure autocross like events), raffles (free - last year we had tickets to the U.S. Grand Prix)...and just about anything the group wants. If we know you're going to be there, we can plan more!

While there is no fee to register, it helps the organizers know how far to stick their necks out and bust their buns for the guests coming. The Gathering has grown each year and will surely do so again this year. It's a good time on low bucks with no limit to the activities available.

Additional information and directions are available at [www.miatagathering.net](http://www.miatagathering.net) or via a link from the GCMC website [www.cincimiata.com](http://www.cincimiata.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](http://www.mscw.com/Miata2002) or phone (703) 278-8005.



## The Color of Our Passion

When STEVE and LAURIE WAID announced their new arrival, of the Miata kind, something seemed to snap. It all started innocently enough, but soon the SDMC e-mail list was filled with colorful prose.

Yellow is mellow, but redder is better  
(I'm kicking myself for entering the fray)

— HOWARD KUZMINSKI

There once was a Miata Classic Red,  
So gorgeous it turned every head,  
"A beautiful sight" they exclaimed,  
"The best color" it was proclaimed,  
And the owner's egos were thoroughly fed!

— MARK BOOTH

Yellow may be mellow  
And some say redder is better  
But everyone knows that green is keen  
And a delightful sight to be seen

— RAINER MUELLER

Yellow may be mellow  
And some say redder is better  
But every one knows that green is keen  
And a delightful sight to be seen  
But the one Miata that is true  
Is the beautiful one that is Blue

— SALLY HILL

There once was a Miata so green  
that all thought the driver was "queen"  
so everyone bowed down  
when she drove around  
in her '99 Emerald Mica machine

— SHERI FACER

A red Miata is my favorite,  
Especially when it's dusk lit,  
Shifting fast; hearing sweet exhaust notes,  
Jumbled thoughts fade as adventure unfolds.

— JEANETTE HOLLADAY

Crystal Blue is really cool,  
It makes all the reds, greens and blacks drool,  
But to be way ahead of all the rest,  
Blazing Yellow Mica is by far the best!

— DENNIS & VERONICA DIDIER

Is there any other color than red?  
Said a voice inside my head  
Yellow is mellow  
Said an interesting fellow  
Are you sure there are other colors than red?

— DIANE LONG

With apologies to The Beach Boys and "California Girls"

Well BRGs are hip  
It's such a classic look, I swear  
And those YELLOW ones (some are RED underneath!)  
They're popping up almost everywhere

The BLUES and WINES in a host of shades are really easy  
on the eyes

And the WHITES ones with the way they track

They prove this car's just the perfect size

I wish they all could be '93 LEs

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I wish they all could be '93 LEs

The BLACK has such a bold look  
With BBS wheels rather than stock  
With its RED interior and Harley Davidson speakers  
And those thumper seats they rock!

We've been to a lot of club events

And see how you support your color

But we're always drawn back to the choice we made

Back to BLACK with a RED interior

I wish they all could be '93 LEs

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I wish they all could be '93 LEs

I wish they all could be '93 LEs

(BLACK and RED, yeah we dig the)

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(BLACK and RED, yeah we dig the)

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(BLACK and RED, yeah we dig the)

— LES & DYANNA SMITH

There is a color but red  
said red to the mellow of yellow  
most folks love the blue  
of the southern most hue  
and blue is the hue of the crew

— GORDON LONG

The essence of life began  
when we all crawled up from the sand  
Then we raised our heads to see  
the wonder, glory and might  
of my 1992 White!

— BOB LEWELLYN

We've all seen the sparkling wine,  
With the Mahogany trim so fine,  
Well now there's Sparkling Cheese,  
Oh give me a break *PLEASE*,  
It's bilious yellow glare,  
and that old guy with gray hair,  
Soon he'll be leading us on a run,  
I hope he knows it's just in fun!

— RICH BEST



There's a lot going on with the MIATA OWNERS CLUB. For starters, we've redesigned our Web site with a new look (and sound) and added some great new features that you asked for.

Be sure to hit the Renewal section if your membership expired in April. Even if your membership hasn't yet expired, renew today and check one thing off your list. That way, you won't miss out on a single issue of *Miata Magazine* or any of the growing list of members-only benefits. Check it out at [www.miataownersclub.com](http://www.miataownersclub.com).

Grab your Membership ID card, because you'll need your member number to renew your membership



and update your Member Profile. We've created a simple login: Your First Initial and Last Name (example: jdoe) will be your Username, and your six-digit Member Number will be your Password.

Looking for a reason to Renew? Your \$29 membership now has even more added value. Here's a recap of the newest member-only benefits:

**Preferred Dealer Network** - Receive significant savings on parts and service at our growing list of participating Mazda dealers.

**Road and Track and Car and Driver Subscription Discount** - Sign up for 12 issues of either of these leading automotive publications for only \$9 per subscription for each publication. This is a 33% savings off the regular subscription price.

**Mazda's Miata Owners Club Hotline** - A dedicated direct line to the experts at Mazda's Customer Assistance Center (your call will jump to the head of the line!).

Read all about these and other MIATA OWNERS CLUB benefits, news, and events at [www.miataownersclub.com](http://www.miataownersclub.com).

*Zoom-Zoom,*

Your Friends at Miata Owners Club

## 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:** Craftsman Tool Box set. It is a 2-piece set consisting of a 8 drawer top box and 5 drawer bottom box. The dimensions are as follows: Bottom box: 26" wide x 18" deep, Top box: 26" wide x 12" deep. Stacked together approx 4 1/2' tall It is in like new condition and has drawer liners. Sears has this combo on sale for \$300. My price is \$200 OBO. I can deliver within San Diego county. Mike, (858) 549-4344 or [chevymike@ucsd.edu](mailto:chevymike@ucsd.edu)

**For Sale:** Chrome fuel filler lid for 1999-2002 (M2) Miatas. Brand new, never installed. \$75. Diane, (858) 566-6973 or [djaws@san.rr.com](mailto:djaws@san.rr.com)

**For Sale:** For serious amateur astronomers, one of the world's finest small telescopes. Questar Duplex 3.5, with Maksutov optics featuring a Pyrex mirror with broadband and low reflective coatings. Original leatherette/velvet carrying case and unused table tripod. Built-in 1.6X Barlow and finder. The following accessories are included: Televue eyepiece adapter and five Televue Plössl eyepieces - 40mm, 26mm, 19mm wide field, 15mm, and 10.5mm; Canon extension tube coupling set with Canon FD adapter; Lumicon UHC and four color filters; Accutrack Mini-drive w/12 VDC to 120 VAC inverter; Halliburton-style accessory case w/ foam cut to hold all accessories.

VBob. (858) 486-4711 or [voodoo@miata.net](mailto:voodoo@miata.net)

**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](mailto:sapphire@teamvoodoo.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](mailto: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](mailto:kgoyette@cts.com)

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

**For Sale:** Trunk lid lift kits - fits 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](mailto:david.levy@airprime.com)

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

**For Sale:** 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](mailto: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 [larrydenstect@hotmail.com](mailto:larrydenstect@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](http://www.miatamart.com)

