

SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Say What?

"Electric communication will never be a substitute for the face of someone who with their soul encourages another person to be brave and true." Charles Dickens

We are all aware of the fact that we live in a communication and information age. What's that you say? You're not aware of that? What planet have you been living on for the last 20 years?

I know, I know—I am probably the worst offender when it comes to accepting change. Someone once said "The only person who likes change is a wet baby." I can't remember back that far so I'm taking that statement for granted. There are lots of ways we communicate with one another in the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB: E-mail, newsletter, face to face, cell phones, telephone, Tell-a-Geri—oops! Better not publish that one!

There is one other method by which we communicate with one another and that is by CB radio, or more technically referred to as Citizens Band radio. You know—it's those "thingies" in the car with wires running everywhere that always get in the way and "screech" when you least expect it. Some of the above forms of communication may seem "impersonal" but they do play an important and useful role in our everyday lives, whether professional, personal, or social. We use CB radios for many reasons, though sometimes it may seem like we use them for reasons other than the ones for which they were intended. We use CB's to obtain traffic information, to relay traffic information, to report an emergency, to obtain weather information, or to do what we in SDMC enjoy doing the most—to banter back and forth or to tease, joke, or jest at each other mostly about the colors of our cars. What's up with that? Did you ever wonder what it would be like if Miatas came in only one color? This would be the most boring club in the universe. Now, if they all came in yellow—HmMMM. Just kidding!

I personally enjoy having a CB in the Miata. I could not imagine going on a fun run or a long road trip without it. Quite honestly, it passes the time, and it's stimulating and a lot of fun when the "banter" gets going. My most memorable times have been driving to Texas, Utah, and San Luis Obispo with club members. The time seemed to go by faster with more of an opportunity to enjoy the company and scenery.

I have often been accused of being "too quiet" on the CB. That will change when I can figure a method to install two handsets in the cockpit instead of having to arm wrestle Geri for the one we have. All kidding aside, I get just as much joy from listening to conversations as I do being part of them. I can remember

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times when we were be driving along and something was said by a fellow member that would cause me to bust out in side splitting, gut wrenching laughter. If you have a CB in your car—you've been there and done that!

There is one more important reason we use CB's, and that is for our run leaders to keep track of run members, and for run members to keep track of one another. There have been occasions when members have taken a wrong turn and have become lost. Actually, I like to think of them as not being lost, but rather "locationally challenged."

This is NOT a call for you to run out and buy a CB. Some of us enjoy not listening to the "banter" but rather listening to the radio or favorite music from a CD or tape. This is a good thing! Remember what I said about "What if Miatas came in only one color?"—BORING!

If you have a CB and you are having as much fun with it as I am, here are some "common rules of the road" and friendly reminders regarding CB etiquette.

1. Don't "STEP" on each others communication. Don't start your conversation until the present conversation has ended.
2. Try not to monopolize the air-waves.
3. Refrain from using profanity on the CB.

The following are CB codes most commonly used:

Code Meaning

- 10-1 receiving poorly
- 10-4 received-YES
- 10-7 out of service (leaving the air)
- 10-8 in service (back on the air)
- 10-9 please repeat
- 10-10 transmission completed, standing by
- 10-20 location "what's your 10-20?"

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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10-100 toilet
"I'm going 10-100"

You learn something everyday. I'll have to remember that last one (10-100). I've always been saying "I have to pee" whenever nature called.

If you choose not to communicate by CB, NOT TO WORRY! If your voice can handle it, yelling is sometimes used as an acceptable form of communication on fun runs, although you may encounter some strange looks from passers-by. A more acceptable method would be to find one of us with a CB and keep that person in sight as much as possible.

In any case, CB or not, the focus here is to have fun and take care of one another out there.

This is Your Pal SAL going 10-7.

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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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Autocross

Dates: Sunday, September 8

Time: 9 a.m.

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



SOCALM: Best of the Bunch III

All Miata Amateur Car Show
A Charity event to benefit the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Date: September 14

Time: Registration starts at 9 a.m.

Place: Beach Mazda, 16800 Beach Blvd. Huntington Beach

Trophies/Plaques/Certificates for the winners. Mazda's concept Miatas on display. Huge raffle. Miata vendor booths—displays. Spec-Miata corral to show off what's racing. For entry information go to:

www.socalm.org/botb3/index.htm email president@socalm.org or call toll-free (877) 211-6146. Entry forms are available from STEVE WAID, swaid@cox.net.



2002 National Miata Event



When: September 19-22

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.

Planned Impromptu Run

Date: Saturday, September 21

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.



Monthly Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 26

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!

Another Planned Impromptu Run

Date: Sunday, September 29

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.



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!



FUTURE EVENTS

BE PART OF SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB'S AWESOME PRESENCE



Coronado Classic Speed Festival

Dates: October 12-13

Place: Naval Air Station, North Island, Coronado, CA

The Coronado Classic Speed Festival, presented by Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge, is a celebration of motor racing history, historic automobiles, and the people who made them. The spectator racing event is patterned after the world-famous Monterey Historics and many of the same classic autos that race at Monterey participate in the event in San Diego.

This is an opportunity to watch over 200 historic autos with racing heritage compete. You can also wander through the paddock and talk to the drivers and mechanics as they prepare their cars for competition. There will be a Concours d'Elegance, static military display, and vendors.

We will, once again, have a spot reserved for us in the Car Club Corral.

The Corral is for Miatas only.

Please email STEF GOULD or call (619) 297-4272 to reserve your space in the SDMC's Car Club Corral. Stef will need you to provide her with a self-addressed, stamped, business envelope so that she can mail a Corral Pass to you. You may give the envelope to her at the September Monthly Meeting or mail it to her.

Every person with a Car Club Corral Pass must have a ticket in their hand to enter the Corral. Tickets to the event can be purchased by calling the Holiday Bowl at (619)283-5808, TicketMaster at (619)220-TIXS, or log on to www.holidaybowl.com or www.ticketmaster.com. One day tickets are \$15 and a weekend pass is \$20. Ticket prices increase at the gate to \$20 for

one day and \$30 for the weekend. Children under 12 are free with a paid adult admission.

Join SDMC at the races and at the eating events associated with them! Look for details in October's newsletter for Saturday's Early Bird Breakfast, Saturday's After-the-Races Dinner, and Sunday's regional breakfasts and caravans to the races.



Edelbrock Tour

Date: Saturday, October 19

Place: Edelbrock factory and museum in Torrance, California.

Contact: ROBIN & MIKE

FAIRCLOTH, 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 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.

3rd Bi-Annual Hearst Castle/San Simeon Run



Dates: November 8 - 10

Meeting Time 9 a.m.

Drivers Meeting 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Place: Madonna Inn Parking Lot, San Luis Obispo, CA

Contacts: BARI RUSSELL,

barirussell@earthlink.net

(949) 588-1531 or (714) 856-9890

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(714) 525-5831 or (714) 225-1319

Mark your calendars, because you don't want to miss this Miata adventure that tours one of the world's most famous mansions, set in California's most beautiful region! Even more exciting, we get to ZOOM ZOOM on some of the best Miata roads in the country! Bill has assured me there will be ample potty stops this year!

Room Booking:

SOCALM Miata Club Group Reservations: (800) 544-4866 (Sean)

Motels: Nov. 8 - Motel 6 San Luis Obispo South, Property 1373, Reservation Number 131713

Nov. 9 - Motel 6 San Simeon, Property 1212, Reservation Number 131002

I have blocked 20 rooms at both properties—all queen beds and all non-smoking. You need to request smoking rooms and ask them to be added to our group. In San Luis we have ten 1-bed rooms and ten 2-beds. The rates are quoted to how many **people** in the room, not beds! The rooms in San Luis Obispo, including tax, are \$50.59 for a single and \$57.19 for a double. At San Simeon we also have 20 rooms—all double queens. The rates are: \$61.03 for a single and \$71.93 for a double. AARP members bring your cards for 10% off. When you call for reservations please ask for Sean, but anyone in Group Reservations can help you. You *must* tell them the reservation is under SOCALM, and give the property number, and the reservation number. Please contact Bari Russell when you have made



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your reservations or if you have any problems.

20 Questions Rally
SDAM Car Club Council
Date: Sunday, November 10



Meeting Time: 11 a.m.
Meeting Place: San Diego Automotive Museum parking lot
Cost: \$10 per car
Prizes: Trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place

Thunderhill Track Day and Women's Track School



Dates: December 1-2
Place: Thunderhill, Willows, CA*
Contact: Aaron Tachibana,
tach9@attbi.com

This will be the first time that Aaron has organized a Women's Track School as a part of a Track Day. One of the usual designated sessions will be for women participants only, so guys bring a friend! Special guest instructor for the Women Only Group will be Peggy Hale...as well as the usual cast of great instructors, including Rick Weldon.

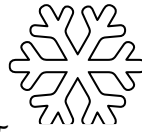
This is a two day event, so there will be plenty of time to get instruction and lots of track time. Cost of the event is \$390 for the two days. We will be running the full 3.2 mile course with maximum track time during the two days! Included in the registration fee is a catered BBQ by MO's BBQ—they are awesome. We'll also be raffling off (2) sets of Toyo Tires and a host of really cool stuff, like a performance brake kit from MPCA, Toyo shirts, bags and hats, Royal Purple oil, a helmet and more!

If you'd like to participate, please send Aaron an e-mail and he'll return your confirmation; or sign-up and pay online at www.m-pca.com. This track event is space limited—first come first served. Absolute deadline is September 15.

* Thunderhill is located just off Inter-

state 5, about an hour north of Sacramento.

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
Dinner will be served buffet style.

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, October 19
Montgomery High School
3250 Palm Avenue at Hawaii Avenue
San Diego 92154

Saturday, November 23
School of Creative & Performing Arts
2425 Dusk Drive (Between Alta View Dr. & Parkside Ave.)
San Diego 92139

Saturday, December 7
Qualcomm Stadium
9449 Friars Road
Parking Lot - Section J
San Diego 92108

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.

Miata Performance Driving School

Dates: March 28-30, 2003
Where: Thunderhill Sports Park
Cost: \$350
Contact: Ken Freeze, (925) 370-8262
This course teaches Miata owners the basics of high speed driving, equipment, human limitations, proper steering techniques, and lots of other skills necessary for safe performance driving.

The weekend is packed with activities beginning on Friday with a dinner, followed by classroom style lectures and training from SCCA instructors. Saturday morning the action turns to the track with some more instruction, both in and out of the Miata. Most of Saturday and Sunday will be spent on the track with some time in between sessions to talk to fellow Miata owners and see some on the latest Miata accessories. Plans for Saturday night this year call for a BBQ at the track if construction of a new building at the track is completed in time. This dinner gives students and instructors the opportunity to talk over the day's activities.

The class is limited to 80 students with 45 instructors, making for a 2-to-1-instructor ratio, a ratio higher than driving schools costing thousands of dollars.

There's nothing quite like having a Sport Car Club of America instructor right next to you as you drive lap after lap on a race course, helping you to learn just what you and your Miata are really capable of.

You can register via the Internet by going to the Miata Performance Driving School Web site at www.teammiata.com/thunderhill/school.htm. Fill out the online form, or download the PDF file and print it out and send it in with your check. If you don't have Internet access, send a self addressed, stamped envelope to: Ken Freeze, Miata School, 1521 Ridgewood Dr., Martinez, CA., 94553 and a complete packet will be sent to you. But hurry – the past two years the class was full by the first of December.



PHOTO: STEVE KENWISON

— PAULA MUDARRI

It sometimes is quite interesting how those of us in SDMC get pushed towards buying a Miata. For PAULA MUDARRI, it was pushing her MGB to try to get it started. And she was wearing high heels at the time! Her co-workers, ELLIOT SHEV and VOODOO BOB KRUEGER, figured it was time to help her understand what it might be like to own a car she would not have to push and could enjoy driving instead of pushing.

So, it turned out she was going to have a car payment to replace the MGB and her daughter said, “if you have to make a payment, you might as well drive the car you want.” She bought a `95 red Miata the next day.

Paula soon joined Elliot and Voodoo and the others in the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB, and her first run was Puke-O-Rama. “Then I was hooked,” says Paula. “At first, the thought of me joining a car club was really laughable, as I didn’t think it was my kind of thing. But I soon found out what a great group this is, and have enjoyed every minute of it since. I totally love the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB.”

After becoming hooked on Miatas, she became hooked on a Crystal Blue

2002. It was in the lot just smiling at her and inviting her over, so she added that to her stable. That is the car you see with a happy Paula at most SDMC events. The Red `95 is coveted by other members of her family.

Paula bought her first convertible in November of 1987—a 1988 Ford Mustang GT. Her son called it her “I need a man car.” When she did get married, the new husband made her get rid of the car. He was “mechanic handy” and Paula ended up buying the MGB `75 Anniversary Edition. And of course the MGB, being what it is, gave the mechanic plenty of items to work on. But after they separated, it was too much for Paula to maintain. Thus came the Miata.

Paula says she would also love to own/drive a 1955 Thunderbird, but figures the Miata provides much the same kind of driving without worrying about repairs for a car nearly a half century old. Not that Paula is averse to taking chances. Earlier in her career, she decided she needed a real change and got on an airplane with her baby and \$40 and started a new life in a city far away from where she had lived.

For relaxation beyond the Miata, Paula enjoys football and needlework. (Watching the former; doing the latter in Crewel and Cross Stitch.) For ex-

hilaration, Paula drives a Miata. For relaxation and meditation, she walks on the beach and enjoys the sunset. Which is a truly neat double-header.

— TOM SPRAGUE

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.

SERIOUS AUTO.com
Buy a toy. Earn money for your club.

If you have recently been to the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB web site (www.sandiegomiataclub.org), you probably have noticed a new banner advertising SERIOUS AUTO. This new program is called the Serious Auto Affiliate Program. When a club member (or whoever) clicks through that link and buys something, SDMC gets a 3% commission on the purchase. The Board felt this is a win-win situation for the club in that it costs us absolutely nothing and we may be able to gain some revenue from the transactions. The Serious Auto Affiliate program is successfully being used by many other Miata clubs around the country. So, if you are planning to purchase something from SERIOUS, please click through the SDMC web site link.

New Members!

WELCOME to our newest members (since last newsletter):

BLANE BROWN

Escondido
2001 Crystal Blue

TONY & SHARON CASH

Escondido
1992 Black

JUSTIN FITZGERALD

San Diego
1992 Black C

TIM HUGHES

Cardiff
2000 SE (Mahogany)

BRENDA KAY

San Diego
1992 Mariner Blue B

JEFF KING & SUSANNA GONZALES

San Diego
1997 White Touring

VERNON & TERRI KLEIST

La Mesa
2001 Midnight Blue LS

BILL & LESLEE NEAL

San Diego
2001 Silver

DAVID OTTLEY

Escondido
1995 M (Merlot)

LAURIE & JIM PATTON

Coronado
2001 Silver

Renewing Members

(since last newsletter):

GORDON T. FROST, JR.

TED & SUE KESLER

DAVID & DAWN MILNE

JOHN M. O'HARA

GERONIMO G. OMABTANG

AL & DORIS PIERCE

PAUL & ROBIN PRZYBYSZ


GARY & ROSALIND SCOTT

GENE & PINKIE STANLEY

NORM & DOLORES STEVENS

KAREN & TRA WOOD

Online Resources

This is a friendly reminder about the  SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB e-mail list. Below are the mail addresses for mail services:

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SDMC-List-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Unsubscribe:

SDMC-List-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

List owner:

SDMC-List-owner@yahoogroups.com

SDMC mail page:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SDMC-List>

Mail can be delivered individually, or as a daily digest. Also, there is an "Upcoming Events" only list. Please email SDMC-Events-owner@yahoogroups.com for inclusion to this list.

— ROBERT "JTBOB" HOLLAND
Webmaster/Postmaster

Need a CB to Lead a Run?

SDMC Events Coordinator STEVE SWAID 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).

Three CBs have been donated to the club. So, if lack of a CB radio has kept you from stepping forward to lead a run, you can arrange with Steve to borrow a CB to lead or sweep your first run. 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.

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

Membership Statistics

As of August 25, 2002, there are 384 memberships (153 single, 231 dual) for a total of 615 members.

Memberships by Miata Color:

92	Red
56	White
45	Black
36	Silver
29	Emerald Green
19	Montego Blue
16	Yellow
15	BRG
11	Crystal Blue
11	Twilight Blue
10	Mahogany
10	Sapphire Blue
9	Mariner Blue
8	Marina Green
7	Laguna Blue
6	Merlot
6	Midnight Blue
6	Starlight Blue
4	Titanium
2	Evolution Orange
1	Laser Blue
1	Teal (custom)
5	Unreported*

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

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.



Sahauro Miata Club comes to play

In April, Ben Cleaves contacted ELIOT SHEV wanting to coordinate a visit by the SAHAURO MIATA CLUB from Arizona. Ben, the outgoing president of Sahauro, and his wife Faith had been to SURF'N'SAFARI in 1999, and had also come with other club members to go whale watching in 2000 with a group of SDMC mammal gazers. When I first talked to Ben, I asked if they wanted to sight-see or drive. He said that they had done their sight-seeing before and this time they wanted to drive some of "those San Diego roads." What resulted reminded me of how many great things we have in San Diego that we all take for granted, and what a great bunch of people make up our membership.

On Friday, June 19th, the main group from Arizona arrived at the Best Western in Escondido. This would be their "home" for the weekend. The first order of business was to meet at Tom's #23 for some burgers and good American food before Cruisin' Grand. With 21 cars from Arizona and another 15 or so from SDMC, we made quite a show as we cruised Grand. After cruising and walking Grand we all adjourned to Dairy Queen near their hotel for the debriefing. There were a number of Sahauro folks who, by then, had put their tops up and were commenting on "how cold it was." They were not complaining, having left temperatures of 106 degrees. Several commented on how much fun they had and that they had nothing like Cruisin' Grand in Arizona.

Saturday morning started with breakfast at Tom's #23 before we started showing them the roads of San Diego. DENNIS and VERONICA DIDIER, earning their yellow SDMC magnetics, put together a glorious day of driving and eating. Splitting the cars into two groups provided the means of keeping everyone together.



July 19 - 21
Weekend with the
Sahauro Miata Club

That proved to be a theory only. However, at the end of the day the miscues and pratfalls were becoming legendary, and each telling became louder and more embellished.

Dennis and Veronica (blazing yellow mica) led group 1 out of the parking lot with GEOFF FAHRING and XAVIER CASTILLO (sunburst yellow) sweeping. The run started out through Couser Canyon and Rice Canyon on the way to Temecula. A quick reversal south on Pala Road brought the groups back to Highway 76 and then off to Mt. Palomar. Mesa Grande and Wynola Roads brought us into Julian for lunch and shade. Several SDMC members met us in Julian as we queued-up at Julian High School to start the second half of the run. As group 2, led by STEVE and LAURIE WAID (blazing yellow mica), swept through Boulder Creek Road on the way to Engineer Road, four cars made a turn onto a dirt road and disappeared before sweep car DENNIS and MARYANNE GARON (vivid yellow) could catch them. As everyone waited for the group to figure out that they were off course, most were appreciative of the big oak tree that we parked under. Eventually the lost were found. There was an argument as to who was lost and who was found, but that will never be resolved. As the two groups finished the 200-mile day, arrival at Bob's by the Bay was anticipated for a number of reasons. Foremost was the food, but the cool bayside breeze was just what everyone wanted after being in the sun all day.

As I mentioned earlier, we sometimes take for granted what we gain by being members of the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB. Sahauro members got a sampling when one of their cars broke down. JERRY and JANICE BOSTER, supported by JIM BROKAW, broke off

from the group to give aid. After trying to figure out the problem, they ultimately helped get the car to LARRY DENNESTEDT'S Automotive Repair. The Bosters and Jim were able to get everyone back to Bob's by the Bay in time to eat. Larry ultimately was able to make the car better than it was when it began the trip. What a club!

Sunday finalized the experience for the Sahauro drivers. Brunch followed by a crisp run on Highland Valley Road, through the dreaded Ramona, across Sunrise Highway, and out old Highway 80 to Desert Tower. Our goodbyes said, the Sahauro folks were wishing that there were roads like ours in their neighborhood. We just take them for granted. We have been threatened with a payback. We have an open invitation to go to Arizona and play. We will set it up in the future...just don't expect it to be during the summer.

— STEVE WAID

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MARK and CATHY BOOTH'S 2002 Twilight Run was another "smashing" success (just ask the wildlife in Jamul-more on that later). Participation was about 55 cars, and as the sun's fading powers were not going to be a factor, many red *Garage Queens* were in attendance.

We all met at the Boll Weevil in Rancho San Diego and after dinner we hit the hills. After winding through Harbison Canyon and Alpine we ended up at the Mount Laguna Lodge. This was our only rest stop and with close to 100 people, the "two-holer" bathroom was maxed-out. Club members showed their kindness when they let an OTM driver take cuts to the front of the line and then proceeded to thoroughly embarrass him with a standing ovation when he stepped out of the "john."

The trip down the mountain was beautiful with perfect weather and a gorgeous sunset, which Mark promptly took credit for! As we drove into Jamul, Mark and Cathy reported that they possibly "hit a snake" then 5 minutes later, a near miss with a rabbit and finally, a fly-by with a bat. Next Mark reported that something was hanging from his antenna, was it a piece of black plastic or "the bat"? Cathy's piercing scream over the CB confirmed that it was, in deed, the bat. Its radar didn't pick up Mark's antenna moving at 65 miles per hour and it seemed to be very attached to our leader's car. This launched a wave of "bat jokes" over the CBs. "Hey Mark, how's the Batmobile running?" "Are you going back to the Bat Cave?" "Are you taking him "Bat to the Future?" "Is that bat a Louisville Slugger?" Do you get the drift? Mark was going to hit the brakes to dislodge the hitchhiker but Cathy's premonition of him flying into the cockpit put an end to that idea. Anyway when Batman and Robin, followed by the Bat Pack, pulled back in to Rancho San Diego



July 27 - Saturday
8th Annual Twilight Run



The bat. R.I.P.

for dessert it was discovered that our bat did not survive the trip. R.I.P.

The Twilight Run is one of the best runs of the year and Mark and Cathy do a great job of making it a success. Thank you Cathy and Mark for your hard work and another great Twilight Run.

On a side note, this run really emphasized how much more interesting a run is with a CB radio. Without one, you really miss out on a lot of camaraderie and fun.

See you on the next run.

— BRUCE LEWIS



PHOTOS TOM WOOD



Spec Miata Rules

As a primer to "what is a Spec Miata," the following rules, or specifications (spec) are those used by the San Diego Region of the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA). Other sanctioning organizations have similar rules, or specs, for this class.

— EDITOR

Spec Miata vehicles are showroom stock, as defined by the SCCA GCR, with the exception of the following restrictions or specifically allowed modifications.

Unless specifically mentioned or approved in these rules, no additional modifications may be made. These rules are not intended as guidelines or suggestions and they will be vigorously enforced.

Please Note: Spec Miata is a regional only class in the SCCA. Rules and verbiage may differ slightly region to region.

Make of Car

1990 - 93 Miata 1600cc @ 2255 lbs.
(with driver)

1994 - 97 Miata 1800cc @ 2380 lbs.
(with driver)

Ballast will be mounted on passenger floor per GCR. '94-'95 1800cc cars must use a 47mm throttle restrictor. '96-'97 1800cc cars must use a 45mm throttle restrictor.

Engine

Stock only, per SCCA GCR.

Cooling System

Any aftermarket metal-type radiator may be used as long as it mounts to stock location.

Thermostats are free.

Intake System

1600cc may use a cone-type air filter.

1800cc must use a stock air box.

Filter is free.

Fuel System

Unleaded fuel filler trap door and re-

strictor plate in filler neck may be removed.

Ignition System

Any spark plug may be used.

Any spark plug wire may be used.

Timing is free.

Master cutoff switch is permitted and recommended.

Exhaust System

Single pipe exhaust after the OEM down pipe.

Maximum diameter 2.25". Muffler diameters are free.

Must exit behind rear sub-frame.

Must meet SCCA sound requirements.

Clutch

Clutch disk and pressure plate are free, providing they mount on the stock flywheel.

Differential

1600cc—Viscous limited slip or Mazda comp LSD. Part # QN10-64-A00 (previously T0Y1-27-200 & 0000-02-5501)

Stock gear ratios.

1800cc—OEM Torsen limited slip.

Stock gear ratios.

Suspension

Mazda Motorsports Spec Miata package DOHC), (Part# K-SPEC-M5-SUS8 - 1994-97 1.8 DOHC)

Includes: a-Bilstein Shocks 1. Front (Part# 0000-04-5225-BL Qty 2 ea.), 2. Rear (Part# 0000-04-5226-BL Qty 2 ea.) b-Eibach ERS 2.5" I.D. Race Springs 1. Front 700 lbs./6" (Part#0000-04-9700-06 Qty 2 ea.), 2. Rear 325 lbs./7" (Part#0000-04-9325-07 Qty 2 ea.) c-Coil-Over Kit. (Part# 0000-04-5402AW *)

* This kit provides all necessary components to locate spring in upper perch and includes modified bump rubbers/stops.

Welding a 2.5" spring locator on the upper mount and modifying the stock length original bump rubbers to

the diameter of 2.25" is grandfathered.

Eibach Sway Bar Kit. 1. 1600cc: Front Bar 24mm adjustable /Rear Bar 15mm adjustable (Part# 0000-04-5302-EB) 2. 1800cc: Front Bar 27mm non-adjustable/ Rear Bar 15mm adjustable (Part# 0000-04-5303-EB).

Cambers (maximum) a-front: no more than 2 degrees negative. b-rear: no more than 2.5 degrees negative.

Ride Height Free

Steering

Manual or power steering may be used. Power steering rack may be converted to manual.

Steering lock may be removed.

Rims and Tires

Rims: 15x7 in matched sets of four. Minimum rim weight is 13 lbs. Each

Tires: Toyo RA1 205.50.15

Brake System

Brake pads are free.

Steel braided lines may be used.

Backing plates may be removed.

Emergency brake handle and/or cables may be removed.

Exterior

No air dams, wings or spoilers are allowed other than "R" package chin spoiler.

Fenders and wheel openings shall remain unmodified except rolling or flattening of inner fender lip for tire clearance.

Hood and inner fender plastic trim optional.

Mirrors may be replaced and cars can be painted in non-factory colors.

Body molding, antenna, mirrors and emblems may be removed.

Windshield clips and rear window straps per the GCR Section 17.33 are permitted and recommended.

Hood clips are permitted. Stock hood latches may be disabled or removed.





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Spec Miata Racing on SPEED

September 9, 7 p.m. PST SPEED Channel will be airing the Mazdaspeed Cup race that was held at Laguna Seca on June 9. It's listed as "Pro Spec Miata Racing." If you haven't heard this was an historical event in that the race field was the largest ever for that venue. 70 Spec Miatas competed.

— KEVIN HAYWOOD

Watch for SDMC member DAVID LEVY in the Mariner blue Miata number 4 in this race. David chronicled his thoughts about this race in last month's (August 2002) issue of the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB NEWS.

— EDITOR

Interior

The driver's seat may be replaced with any seat suitable for competition, including a racing-type bucket seat. If the driver's seat is replaced, factory seat tracks may be modified, reinforced or removed to facilitate replacement mountings provided they perform no other function. All driver seats shall be installed per SCCA GCR for Showroom Stock.

Gauges and instruments may be added, replaced or removed. They may be installed in the original instrument(s) location using a mounting plate(s) or any other location using a secure method of attachment.

Other than modifications made to mount instruments and to provide for roll cage installation, the remainder of the dash "board" or panel shall remain intact.

Any steering wheel and attachments may be used except wood rimmed type steering wheels.

Any shift knob may be used.

A/C system may be removed (but not heater core or blower).

Carpets, center consoles, cargo bins, driver's seat belt, floor mat, radio system, headliners, dome lights, grab handles and their insulating and attaching materials may be removed. Other than to provide for the installation of required safety equipment or other authorized modifications, no other driver/passenger compartment alterations or gutting is permitted. Re-

moval or substitution of driver compartment panels is prohibited.

Any removable covers used to cover spare tires, tools, bins, etc. may be removed along with attaching hardware and brackets. Carpets, mats and their insulating or attaching materials may be removed from the floor and recesses of the cargo/spare tire area.

Ducting may be added to provide fresh air to the driver/passenger compartment. This ducting will be located in the driver/passenger vent window area by means of a transparent/alternate vent window material and duct with no modifications to the bodywork. Door glass area must remain free of all material except required safety equipment.

Passenger seat, mounting hardware and restraints may be removed.

Safety

Welded or bolt-in cage with up to a maximum of 8 mounting points per Improved Touring Specifications of the GCR.

Door bars on drivers side allowed to outer skin of door (NASCAR-style). If NASCAR-style door bars are used, door panel, door glass and mechanical hardware may be removed.

Hard top may be used, and if used must be bolted in place. Aftermarket hard tops are allowed provided they do not change the aerodynamics of the car and meet the original OEM specifications, including weight.

AUTOCROSS AT THE "Q"



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

Sunday, September 8.....championship
 Sunday, October 20.....championship
 Saturday, November 2.....practice
 Sunday, November 10.....championship
 Saturday, November 30.....championship
 Saturday, December 7.....novice school

To confirm autocross information, call:

San Diego SCCA Hotlines (619) 441-1333
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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.



Miles of Miatas Big Success

The weather man predicted temperatures in the high 90's to triple digits, but that did not keep SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB and SOCALM members from participating in SDMC's annual charity run for MDA.

Rick Hackley from the Boll Weevil restaurant hosted the registration and provided continental breakfast to members. SUE HINKLE, BARB TEMPLETON, and MDA staff members were on hand to collect sponsor sheets, sell raffle tickets, and distribute t-shirts—event magnets were donated by the CAUSARANOS and Hinkles and goody bags from the vendors.

A parade of 37 Miatas and one Mini Cooper displaying its new magnets headed out of the parking lot under the cover of coastal fog and balmy tropical breezes, but we knew it wouldn't be long until the temperature would rise to record highs. At the half-way stop in Escondido the temperature was close to 100. OBI WAID quickly parked and took to the shade while others gathered at the Baskin Robbins for cool treats. The second half of the run was hot, hot, hot and TOM THOMPSON reported that the temperature was 103. 49 miles later the Miles of Miatas caravan pulled into Bel-Marie, where a yummy BBQ was prepared and waiting for our arrival. Bel-Marie opened their garden room for the group to take refuge from the heat and hold the Miles of Miatas raffle.

Sue Hinkle announced and presented awards to the top three fun-



August 10 - Saturday
6th Annual Miles of Miatas
for MDA



MDA provided a tasty cake as a small token for the hard work and dedication that SDMC has shown each year in fundraising.

daisers; 1st place-DAVID AND LORI BRYAN, \$1,500— 2nd Place-Tom and Carolyn Lorenzo, SOCALM, \$1,163—3rd Place-RICH AND JANICE WESSEL \$500.

It was a great day for everyone, with good food, great roads, and lots of terrific prizes. Best of all it was great day for MDA and Jerry's Kids. We raised approximately \$7,000 and the dollars are still coming in. The event was a tremendous success due to the generosity and big hearts of those who participated, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one.

We would like to acknowledge the following vendors and members who supported the event with donated items. Mazda, Brainstorm, M & M Marketing, Quality Images (Knobmeister), Flyin Miata, Hard Dog, Meguiar's, Moss Motors, Coast Car Covers, Eagle One, BBS, Geri's Bazaar, Sportmart, Baja Fresh, Milton's, Hot Rod Power Club, Glaser-Bailey, Boll Weevil, Bel Marie Winery, Twin Oaks Golf Course, Gold Mountain Inn, TOM and MARNA WOOD, Barbara Templeton, Jack and Sue Hinkle.

— SUE HINKLE

It was sort of like a scavenger hunt on wheels. Look for a friendly nearby Miata, and zoom either in front or behind. Such was the fun-filled day known as the sixth annual Miles of Miatas for MDA.

Because much of the early run was on city streets with the usual traffic lights and OTMs, members had an added opportunity to demonstrate the versatility of their little steeds. When roads were two and three lanes wide, it looked like the lineup for the Fourth of July parade rather than the usual long string of cars in the country. Sometimes it resembled the "Dodge-em" cars at the carnival, only this time we really meant "Dodge-em."

Because of the flexibility and innovation this type of driving offered, on some occasions there were several cars in front of the "lead car" and a few following the "sweep." But everyone knew their place and soon got back into order.

In addition to the always standard "wait to make a turn until you can see the car behind you," the CBs played a big role because of the terrain covered. Cars in the middle sometimes needed to relay messages from the back to the front, due to the distances involved.

One driver wanted to make sure those behind were catching up, and made a U-turn in mid-street only to see the parade of cars quickly coming in the other direction. Another U-turn brought things back to order.

There were also several roads under construction and surfaces wiped out, which provided more challenges for car and driver. On one twisty/curvy, a Cobra driver headed in the other direction obviously was green with envy—or was it yellow.

There were plenty of twisties as well as roaming the surface streets, so all in all it was a truly enjoyable and unusual driving experience.

— TOM SPRAGUE



PHOTOS: MIKE & ELINOR SHACK



Well, it was sort of a car club movie...they did have a fine row of shiny Ferraris in one scene, plus a really tricked out James Bond type GTO. Lots of car pursuits and car crashes, including a shiny Corvette (red in color) that went off a high bridge in the opening sequence. And oodles of motorcycles spinning high in the air, as well as snowmobiles making noise and slush in wide patterns. Plus a spectacular avalanche chasing a snow-boarder.

The movie, of course, was secondary to the SDMC party, which started with food at the Chicken Pie Diner in Poway, where they have car club gatherings every Wednesday night from 6 to 8 p.m. throughout the summer. Then it was off for a curvy, scenic 44.7-mile tour of places like Bernardo Trails, Highland Valley, Bandy Canyon, Wildcat Canyon and Riverford.

When the 30 cars arrived at the Santee Drive-in, they lined up for party-time, and folks brought out the munchies. Just to make sure there was ample, the host Lewis clan passed out bags with an assortment of goodies. The very clear sky also provided an opportunity for stargazing, before the star(?)gazing began on the screen. Other movie watchers spent time looking at our cars as well, and several came by to ask questions.

The movie plot was about an extreme sport super stud recruited by a US spy agency to go up against some bad guys with even worse accents. He was supposed to get some cars from them for a cool million dollars and thereby learn their sinister plans. There were 98 (count-em, 98) stunt doubles, and about 2,734 explosions. No animals were hurt in the filming of the movie, but there was no caveat about humans. The movie only lasted an hour and 44 minutes. It just seemed longer. The hardy among us stayed for the second feature (Signs) which started about 11 p.m.



August 24 - Saturday
Debbie Does Santee
Drive-In

DUSTIN LEWIS, the tour leader, got to exchange his old magnetics for new ones to match the color of his new car. But we all know that VIKKI is the wind beneath his wings.

— TOM SPRAGUE



PHOTOS: ED LANGMAID



Do You Change Your Own Oil?

This was the question I asked of the group gathered at a recent monthly meeting at the Boll Weevil. I must admit I was quite surprised by how *few* of you actually do change your own oil. I guess I should not have been surprised, on the Miata changing oil is a major undertaking. It can easily take well over an hour.

I have for years changed my own oil. I didn't do it to save money. I did it because I wanted to be certain the job was done correctly. We've all heard the horror stories about someone leaving the plug loose and having all the oil running out while the unsuspecting driver proceeded merrily down the road.

A couple of years ago we bought my wife a used (sorry, "pre-owned") Mercedes SLK. It was one of their special "Star-Marked" cars (supposed to have been thoroughly gone-over to be certain it was in excellent condition). It wasn't until probably two weeks later that I thought to actually check it over myself and discovered that it was **OVERFILLED** with oil—by about 2 quarts! Changing oil never seemed to me to be a particularly difficult job. Maybe a little messy at times, but always worth the effort, if only for the peace of mind of knowing it was done right.

I got my second Miata in September of 2000. A shiny Red 2001 LS with a 6-speed (and *supposedly* more horsepower—but that's another story). After struggling through several oil changes, the best I found I could do was about 1 hour and 20 minutes just to change the oil!

There were the eleven 10 mm bolts holding the bottom pan under the engine, and the three 14 mm bolts holding the cast aluminum brace be-

tween the intake manifold and the block (2 from the top, 1 from underneath) that had to be removed to get at the filter. All done while lying on my back under the car (wish I had a lift). Then of course all of that had to be put back. There are some folks I know who reach their filter by turning the wheels all the way and reaching in through the wheel well. While this method may save some time, it produces more scratches on your arms and drips oil all over the crossmember. I kept looking at the large open space just inside the engine compartment right behind the headlight on the passenger side. I thought wouldn't it be great to have the filter right there? Looking at my wife's SLK again (as I do often - when changing her oil) I thought wouldn't it be nice if the Miata had a filter like the SLK - right there on top of the engine in the front?

I knew that there were aftermarket kits to relocate the filter. I checked them out but felt they just didn't suit my needs. I also had heard that engine noise could be transmitted to the cockpit via the firewall-mounted kits that seemed the standard fare. I was confident I could design a better relocation kit specifically for M2s - Time to just do it myself.

I spent much of the next six months working on a design. I wanted the filter in that specific location, but did not want to drill a lot of holes in my brand-new car. The result is a



mount that fits just inside the engine compartment behind the headlight on the passenger side, and mounts opening-down. The oil lines running to the remote are the shortest of any kit on the market, and there is no noise transmitted to the cockpit. The kit is also supplied with high-temperature rated hoses, and a wrap-around hose protector to make certain there is no abrasion from sharp objects.

One of our members (who installed one of the prototypes), reports his first oil change at just over 21 minutes – over an hour saved! And not a drop of oil was spilled.

Now you CAN change your own oil

Some of our more enlightened members have figured it out. With this kit they CAN change their oil. No disassembly required!

I expect the next time I ask the question at a meeting (how many change their own oil?) there will be a lot more hands in the air. However, to answer your next question, and it is the most frequently asked question... No, it will not work on an M1.

— TOM THOMPSON

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For those of you who missed it, we had a very interesting day at Bart Grandes' Godspeed Dyno Works in Oceanside. Eight Miatas were subjected to the ultimate truth serum, with some very startling results. For the normally aspirated Miatas, TOM THOMPSON beat me by ½ horsepower—104.6 vs. 104.1. I have Racing Beat's newest header, BRIAN GOODWIN'S stainless steel muffler, a BRE intake with an oversized KN air filter, and the super expensive Denso irridium sparkplugs. Tom just runs Brainstorm's dual exhaust. Interesting, eh? Draw your own conclusions. The three supercharged cars were at their very best less than 20% more powerful than normally aspirated cars. In fact, even though I didn't have the most powerful car, I beat everyone in the quarter mile tests, running about one second faster the Tom's. The secret was my 6000 rpm launch! And yes, I duplicated that feat for the non-believers.

Thanks to Bart Grande and all the folks who showed up and made this a memorable experience.

— RAINER



Saturday - August 3
Dyno Tuning at Team
Godspeed



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For Sale: Flyin' Miata springs for '90 to '97 Miatas. If measured from the center of the

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For Sale: Seats, tan leather, from a '92 LE with 65,000 miles on it. Seats are in good shape. Also have carpeting, door panels, and tan trim pieces, \$500 exchange. Also have body and mechanical parts from '90, '92 & '96.

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.

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For Sale: Trunk lid lift kits - fits all year Miatas. Factory blowout! \$20 each for San Diego folks who 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 is 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.

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