

# SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## UPCOMING EVENTS



October 12 - 13  
Coronado Classic Speed  
Festival *PLUS...*

Columbus Day Parade of Patriotism,  
Early Bird Breakfast & Caravan,  
After-the-Races Dinner.

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SDAM Car Club Council



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Thunderhill Track Day and  
Women's Track School



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SDMC Holiday Party

## Shall We Dance?

October 2002 will mark the third anniversary of the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB'S first full-scale production of a regional event called SURF'N'SAFARI, which was held on October 7, 8, 9, and 10, 1999. There were approximately 260 registered attendees from states too numerous to mention and from countries as far away as Australia and Belgium.

What was SURF'N'SAFARI, you ask? For a firsthand look at what occurred those glorious four days, go to the September, October, and November 1999 issues of the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB NEWS. You can easily read or download the newsletter from the SDMC Web site. SURF'N'SAFARI was originally conceived by SDMC members RUTH and LOU STARK and brought to fruition by many, many very hard-working SDMC members also too numerous to mention here. It was an event consisting of a welcome reception, five fun runs, a poker rally, a gorgeous Hawaiian luau, an exquisite banquet, a Miata zoo contest and car show and capped off by an unforgettable dinner at the home of the infamous Barbara Beach and Phil Wolfson, respective publisher and general manager of *Miata Magazine*.

Surely, I must not forget the incredible vendor village which was populated with Miata vendors from near and afar. All this for the mere price of \$99 per person (our motto was \$99 in '99). It was a bargain, to say the least. It was an event complete with laughter, singing, dancing, eating, and driving—all in excessive quantities.

You may be asking - why is this person rehashing an event that occurred three years ago? Well, the question was asked 4-½ years ago if SDMC could "pull off" an event of this magnitude. Now, the question is being asked again. Actually, the question was asked shortly after SURF'N'SAFARI due to the exuberance and the "afterglow" created by the event. Needless to say, the decision to hold a follow-on event was tabled because this event would be a tough act to follow. In addition, it would require *no less* than 18 months to plan, promote, and execute another regional event. In commemoration of SURF'N'SAFARI, it was decided that a one day event called SURF'N'VERSARY (October 14, 2000) would be held in an effort to rekindle that "Miata high" infectious feeling. You know the feeling, you've experienced it. SURF'N'VERSARY accomplished exactly what it was supposed to accomplish. If you were there, you remember that a great time was had by all.

With the Fifth Anniversary of SURF'N'SAFARI approaching in 2004, the excite-

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ment, enthusiasm, and desire to hold another event of this magnitude has caused the board to revisit the issue. I have received favorable comments from board members as well as many club members. My call for volunteers to form a committee was initiated at the August monthly meeting and via e-mail. What will be the theme of the event? Who will chair the event? What will it cost? Where will it be held? These and other questions will be answered by the event committee, a committee made up of SDMC members. I have already received some requests from members to be part of the event committee.

This is where you come in. Events like this don't just happen. They require many hours of planning, hard work, and dedication, with a bit of talent thrown into the mix.

SURF'N'SAFARI required approximately 50 volunteers to make it a successful event for more than 260 members and guests. Our next event will require at least that many volunteers and maybe more.

If you have a burning desire to have fun, to get involved, to enrich that "Miata high," and to be part of Miata history, please contact me. My e-mail address is [wood-dust@cox.net](mailto:wood-dust@cox.net). My numbers are (760) 787-0624 (home), (619) 524-7620 (work), (619) 806-3042 (cell).

As VOODOO BOB so eloquently put it in one of his articles. "This sure is one hell of a car club." I second and third that emotion, Bob. I honestly feel with all my heart and soul that this club can not only pull off another successful regional event, but can pull it off with remarkable style and enthusiasm.

Drive safe and take care of one another out there.

— 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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### Do You Love a Parade?

Well we do too! If you would like to participate in a special edition of the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB headlight drill team, then we would like to hear from you.

Check out the details on page 4 about the upcoming Veterans Day parade, coordinated by SCOTT LANGHOFF. In addition to the Miatas that have been requested to carry dignitaries, there has been a special request for a small version of our award winning headlight drill team, as seen in the Scripps Ranch 4<sup>th</sup> of July parades.

For this smaller version, we are looking for red, white, and "true" blue, M1 ('90-'97) Miatas. We are looking for 9 to 15 cars for our drill team. If you might be interested, please contact ANTHONY WILDE or DIANE LONG (addresses above).

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### NOTICES

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

*Editor reserves the right to edit all submissions*

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

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

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

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**Run to the Train Races**

**Date:** Saturday, October 5

**Meeting Place:** Marie Callendar's for an early dinner. Southwest corner of Centre City Parkway and 13<sup>th</sup> Street in Escondido.

**Meeting Time:** 4:30 p.m. for dinner, 5:30 run start

**Run Leaders:** JERRY & JANICE BOSTER

*This run qualifies toward Mileage Award*

We will take a short early evening run to get to Cajon Speedway in El Cajon for the final evening of the Train Races after the other races. If you have never seen short track racing, and train racing in particular, plan on making this one.



**Columbus Day Parade of Patriotism**

**Date:** Saturday, October 12

**Meeting Time:** 8 a.m.—*sharp*

**Meeting Place:** San Diego County Administration Building

**Requirements:** The parade chairman specifically requested Miatas this year after noting our significant participation in the 2001 Veterans Day Parade. Patriotic decoration of your car is greatly encouraged. **We need a commitment of 30 cars for the parade.** Please contact us with your name, year, and car color. We will be providing this information to the parade committee

**Coordinator:** JERRY & JANICE BOSTER, [jboster1@san.r.com](mailto:jboster1@san.r.com), (619) 437-1327  
Parade starts at 10 a.m. and will end at approximately 11:30 a.m. at Seaport Village. Once the parade is over, we will do a caravan over to the Speed Fest at Naval Air Station North Island.

Come out and show your support for the men and women of our military at the Columbus Day (Fleet Week) Parade of Patriotism presented by the Port of San Diego. This year's parade features the combined talents of the traditional Columbus Day Pa-



rade and the Fleet Week Parade initiated last year. Starting at Grape Street and proceeding down Harbor Drive to Seaport Village, the procession will include city officials, marching bands, veterans, floats, and most of all, thousands of San Diegans enjoying the spirit of freedom by giving tribute to those who have committed their lives to serve America.

BE PART OF SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB'S AWESOME PRESENCE



Early Bird Breakfast & Caravan

**Date:** Saturday, October 12

**Time:** 7 a.m.

**Coordinator:** STEF GOULD,

(619) 297-4272 or [stef@miata.net](mailto:stef@miata.net)

**Place:** Tartine (Formerly Kensington Coffee Company), 1106 First Street, Coronado

Tartine opens at 6 a.m. for exquisite European pastries and coffee. We'll caravan to the car club corral at 7:45 sharp to be at the gates when they open at 8. We'll have a few extra corral passes, should you forget yours.

**Coronado Classic Speed Festival**

**Dates:** October 12-13

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

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.

The Classic returns for its fifth year in Coronado. In the spirit of the famed Monterey weekend, the Speed Festival will treat the San Diego area to an historic automotive weekend at the North Island Naval Air Station in Coronado. Staged on the runways and taxiways with Navy aircraft and ships in the background, the Speed Festival will feature over 200 of the world's top racing machines on a spectator-friendly 1.6 mile course. Under the direction of HMSA and patterned after the world-renowned Monterey



Historic Automobile Races, the Classic will feature some of the world's premier race cars from pre-World War II sports and racing cars to historic Trans-Ams. Marques such as Aston Martin, Jaguar, Ferrari, Lotus, Porsche, and Shelby, along with some fine Detroit iron will take to the track.

Tickets to the event can be purchased by calling the Holiday Bowl at (619)283-5808, TicketMaster at (619) 220-TIXS or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://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.

A concours d'elegance will be held again at the Speed Festival. There will be 50 of the world's most beautiful and rare automobiles from a 1929 Phaeton Packard to a 1947 Delahaye.

After-the-Races Dinner

**Date:** Saturday, October 12

**Time:** After the last race estimated about 5:30 p.m.

**Place:** Tent City, 1100 Orange Avenue, Coronado.

**Coordinator:** WALLY STEVENS,

daytime: (619) 232-2801, ext 313, evenings (619) 234-2858

or [wallymiata@juno.com](mailto:wallymiata@juno.com).

This place opened in June where the old Marco's was. It's in an historic old bank building which also houses the Coronado Historical Museum, hence the name "Tent City" as Coronado once was. Go south on Orange Avenue (toward the Hotel Del) to Park Place, just past 10th Street. Parking in Street. No meters after 6 p.m.

The menu is varied, hamburgers to sea food. A full bar and lots of outside dining. They also do BBQ outside under a tent starting at 5:30. Moderate prices.

Please RSVP to me by October 10th so I can give the restaurant an approximate number.







### Edelbrock Tour

& Optional Fun Run Return

**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 tour is 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.

On the return to San Diego, there will be an optional Fun Run.

### Autocross

**Dates:** Sunday, October 20

**Time:** 9 a.m.

**Place:** Qualcomm Stadium

Mission Valley, north east lot.

TART championship.



### Monthly Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, October 24

**Time:** 6 p.m.

**Place:** Boll Weevil

9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

(at Ruffin Road), San Diego

(858) 571-6225

This event is the single best way to meet your fellow club members, ask questions, share stories, etc.

*Don't miss the fun!*



## FUTURE EVENTS

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Bi-Annual Hearst Castle/San Simeon Run



**Dates:** November 8 - 10

**Meeting Time:** Drivers Meeting 8:30 a.m.—*sharp*

**Departure Time:** 9 a.m.—*sharp*

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

**Contacts:** BARI RUSSELL,

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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 your reservations or if you have any problems.



### Slots of Fun Run II

**Date:** Saturday, November 9

**Meeting Place:** Tom's #23 on the Southwest corner of 5th Ave. and Centre City Pkwy., Escondido.

**Meeting Time:** Arrive early to eat! drivers meeting at 8:45 a.m., first car out at 9 a.m.

**Run Leaders:** NICK & SHARON PONCE, (760) 743-6665 or [CNickRun@aol.com](mailto:CNickRun@aol.com)

This year there will be a new route. We'll travel some of our favorite north county roads and try our luck at five casinos. Two of the casinos are new, the Vegas style Harrah's and Pechanga. We'll leave at 9 a.m., then after 80+ miles of twisty roads and spending some time at each casino we'll finish the run at Casino Pauma where we can eat!



### 20 Questions Rally

San Diego Automotive Museum 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

### Veteran's Day Parade

**Date:** Monday, November 11

**Time:** 11 a.m.

**SDMC Coordinator:** SCOTT LANGHOFF [slanghoff@cox.net](mailto:slanghoff@cox.net)

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Cell: (619) 884-5917

FRS Radio: Channel 7, no CTC, Callsign "Scott"

With a theme of "Let Us Not Forget!", the 2002 edition of the San Diego Veterans Day Parade will be held on Harbor Drive from Grape Street to Seaport Village. The parade



is developing into a major event, with numerous floats and rolling displays, military vehicles, marching bands, and military and veterans units. We will be celebrating the sacrifices made by our veterans, past and present.

As always, there will be dignitaries, which is where the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB comes in! This is a perfect venue for us to demonstrate our community spirit, and advertise the club! The club has contributed significantly to the success of the parade over the past few years, and come to the parade's rescue in the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month in the past. We have several prominent dignitaries slated for this year's parade, ranging from highly decorated veterans to former prisoners of war and Medal of Honor recipients.

All of the dignitaries are fully aware of each driver's personal preferences as to seating in the vehicle (i.e. rear deck vs. passenger seat). Placards will be provided for the dignitaries. You are encouraged to decorate your car in patriotic themes if you desire. All participants will run in the parade, even if we run out of dignitaries!

Staging begins at 8:30 a.m. Directions to the check-in point on the corner of Ash Street and Harbor Drive.

*I-5 from the north:* take Pacific Highway offramp, continue south on Pacific Highway to Ash Street (just past back side of County Administration Building on your right), right on Ash Street (west) one block to Harbor Drive (check-in point).

*I-5 from the south:* take the "Cruise Ship Terminal/Airport" exit, Hawthorne, west on Hawthorne to Pacific Highway, left (south) on Pacific Highway to Ash Street (just past back side of County Administration building on your right), right on Ash Street (west) one block to Harbor Drive (check-in point).

Vehicles will be staging northbound

on Harbor Drive just off the southwest corner of the County Administration Building.

**\*Email or call Scott to register to participate in this event.**

### Thunderhill Track Day and Women's Track School



**Dates:** December 1-2

**Place:** Thunderhill, Willows, CA\*

**Contact:** Aaron Tachibana, [tach9@attbi.com](mailto:tach9@attbi.com)

**Cost:** \$390 for the two days.

This will be the first time that Aaron has organized a Women's Track School as a part a track day. One of the usual designated sessions will be for women participants only. Special guest instructor for the women only group will be Peggy Hale...as well as a 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! We will be running the full 3.2 mile course with maximum track time during the two days! Included in the cost is a catered BBQ by MO's BBQ—they are awesome! We'll also be raffling off two (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](http://www.m-pca.com). This track event is space limited—first come, first served. There are only a few places left!

\* Thunderhill is located just off Interstate 5, about an hour north of Sacramento.

### San Diego Miata Club Holiday Party

**Date:** Friday, December 13

More details to follow



### 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 between sessions to talk to fellow Miata owners and see some of 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 of just what you and your Miata are really capable.

You can register via the Internet by going to the Miata Performance Driving School Web site at [www.teammiata.com/thunderhill/school.htm](http://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.





— TONY MARTONE & LINDA JENSEN

It all started two years ago when I was looking for an economical vehicle. I reside both in San Diego and Twentynine Palms, where I work (no jokes please). So I commute on the weekends and drive home to San Diego. When I went to Arizona to visit a friend who had a '92 Miata, I was fortunate enough to be allowed behind the wheel for a spin.

After that I knew I had to have a Miata. I think it was the "Zoom-Zoom" that did me in. So back I came to sunny California and found my first Miata, a black '94 M-Edition, with 68,000 miles on it. That was two years ago and we now have 43,000 more miles on the odometer, which helps explain why I need an economical car. But it is also great to have a fun car.

Now for the rest of the story. One sunny day, Linda (my permanent passenger—I truly love her, but she is no navigator) and I put the top down and took a ride to Julian. I loved driving on those winding roads, and after we got there we were walking around and I said to her "the ride up here was really nice—wouldn't it be great if we

could get several Miatas together and take a ride up here?"

No sooner did I say that...and here comes about 20 to 25 Miatas. I ran out to one of the vehicles and asked if this was a club. They smilingly said yes and handed me a recruiting card. We joined SDMC in December, 2001.

There is even more to this story. Even before we joined, I was looking for a newer car. I wanted a '99 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition. One day we were in a gas station and this burgundy colored Miata pulled in. I loved the color, and said, "I have to get one of those." I found out it was a 2000 SE, and I started searching the net. I found one in San Francisco, and the owner guaranteed the condition. So on November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2001, Linda and I flew to SF and bought our baby, a 2000 SE mahogany with a hard top.

We then had a wonderful drive home down the coast on Route 1. And now there were two—the new baby and the old '94. Ever since then, we have been enjoying as many meetings and events (like this past 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade) as my long-distance working conditions will allow.

So you never know who you might

meet on the twisties, and how that can impact your life in a very positive way.

— TONY MARTONE

*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.*

### 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.



## New Members!

WELCOME to our newest members  
(since last newsletter):

LENNY & MARIA FABIAN  
El Centro  
2000 SE (Mahogany)

JUTTA MILLER  
San Diego  
2002 Silver

DAVID MOORE  
Carlsbad  
1997 Red

ALEX & LULETTE SARCO  
Oceanside  
1990 Red

BOB & BRANDI SHERLOCK  
Oceanside  
1994 M (Montego Blue)

SCOTT SIMS  
San Diego  
2001 Red

## Renewing Members

(since last newsletter):

RAYMOND & BARBARA D'ARGENIO  
GREG & KRIS DUNLAP  
ALAN & DEBBIE ELSTER  
SCOTT FULMER  
JERILYN JONES & SEAN O'CONNOR  
STEVEN & PAULA KENNISON  
DALE & LINDA LEE  
FRED LERNER & ANNE GOSHEN  
LOUIS MYSKO & AMY DEL NAGRO  
ALFORD NORIEGA, JR.  
JOEL & JULIE OTSUKA  
NICK & SHARON PONCE  
STEVE ROBBINS  
ELLIOT & BARBARA SHEV

## REGALIA

### Got Zoom?

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

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

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

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If you have recently been to the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB web site ([www.sandiegomiataclub.org](http://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.

## Membership Statistics

As of September 22, 2002, there are 380 memberships (151 single, 229 dual) for a total of 609 members.

Memberships by Miata Color:

93	Red
55	White
42	Black
37	Silver
28	Emerald Green
19	Montego Blue
16	Yellow
14	BRG
11	Crystal Blue
11	Mahogany
11	Twilight Blue
10	Sapphire Blue
9	Mariner Blue
7	Laguna Blue
7	Marina Green
6	Merlot
6	Midnight Blue
6	Starlight Blue
4	Titanium
1	Evolution Orange
1	Laser Blue
1	Teal (custom)
6	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 a mere \$6.50 each, including shipping to your home, from VICKY KRUEGER.

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

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





September 14 - Saturday  
SOCALM: Best of the Bunch III  
All Miata Amateur Car Show

Saturday September 14 was foggy and cold at 7:30 a.m. when we met in Oceanside to caravan to the third annual Best of the Bunch Car Show at Heritage (formerly Beach) Mazda in Huntington Beach. After spending at least 12 hours detailing each of our yellow cars, the fog and “mist” (read “rain”) were playing havoc with the windows and clean interiors of BUZER and OBI WAID as well as a contingency of other Miatas ready to show. That being a signal to get on the move, we headed north to beautiful Orange County to spend the day with lots of other clean cars, fun folks, and trophies!

The SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB has earned kudos over the years for having members who have taught and lived by the principles of car maintenance and, teaching and sharing with each other and new Miata owners which products are best and how to best utilize them. We also love to share and discuss what “toys” are available to transform our little jelly beans into unique individual cars. For that reason, many SDMC cars are included in the winners list below. It is with great pride we exhibit our spiffed-up fun machines each year. It is also a great motivator for the at least once a year detailing jobs we don't like much.

The car show itself was representative of many different styles and tastes in cars. Some don't like yellow—some *really* love yellow. One person likes the rock group “Kiss” enough to make a unique statement with his car. Newness doesn't count—actually most of the big winners are M-1('90-'97) owners. Some like the add-ons, some want to stay “stock”. Some take pride in the amount of driving done in their cars, some relish the low mileage garage queens. Some are mainly for show, some mainly for driving daily,



some mainly for fun. Much like our members, the cars are diverse in appearance, performance, and utilization.

SOCALM members were very busy all day feeding, socializing, and directing traffic. The judges started at 10 a.m. and the results were in after 4 p.m., which gives you an idea of the extensive job they performed. SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB and SOCALM member STEVE WAID was emcee, with Melissa Eberhard assisting. The Spec Miatas were prominently featured, including the car of SDMC's KEVIN HAYWOOD, who trailed his car to

the show for display.

Our PAL and president SAL and his gal GERI were very busy as vendors with Geri's Bazaar. TOM THOMPSON was in demand selling and talking about his oil filter relocation kits as well as showing his car. Vendors Brainstorm, GoMiata.com and Racing Beat also provided special deals for the show. The raffle was very successful and several SDMC members won prizes, which included Meguiar's detailing kits, lots of Mother's wipes, and the grand prize, a custom set of leather seats for your car.

The Second Harvest Food Bank







Left— Wally Stevens and Stef Gould with their awards.



Right— Meticulous Phil Daoust was our own Best of the Best. His '96 M was voted People's Choice, and he also took second in Dealers Award and Best Sponsored, as well as first in his model year! Here is an interior view of Quadzilla.



Above — I wonder what is in the CD player?



received a check for \$1,600, presented by SOCALM president Terry Wyrick and Charity Coordinator Tori Bakker.

Someone once said “winning isn’t everything,” but it’s sure fun anyway. Everyone was a winner at the Best of the Bunch III because we own Miatas, we enjoy each others’ company, and we love showing off our cars.

Here’s to the winners!

— LAURIE WAID



PHOTOS: GENE STANLEY

**Best of the Bunch III**  
SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB Winners

**People’s Choice**—PHIL DAOUST

**Best MII**—MARK BOOTH

**Dealer’s Award**

2nd PHIL DAOUST

3rd STAN & DONNA FRY

**Best Sponsored**

2nd PHIL DAOUST

**Best Appearance**

1st STAN & DONNA FRY

2nd LAURIE WAID

**Best Performance**

2nd SUE HINKLE

**Best by Year**

1990

3rd MICHAEL HEINTZ

1991

1st STEF GOULD

1992

1st LAURIE WAID

1993

1st LES AND DYANA SMITH

2nd SUE HINKLE

3rd BARI RUSSELL

1996 (only one award given)

1st PHIL DAOUST

1997

1st BARRY ROSENBERG

3rd NORM STEVENS

1999

1st JACK DILUSTRO

2nd ART HAMILTON

3rd WALLY STEVENS

2001

3rd TOM THOMPSON

2002

1st JAMIE ALEXANDER

2nd STEVE WAID

**Spirit Awards**

DIANA CARMEL



**Y**ou did it again! Labor Day was a day filled with the volunteer spirit of the giving of time & money for others, the joy of sharing a day together with friends, and knowing that the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB made a difference in the lives of Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) kids. The day started off early with the now traditional "breakfast-in-the-parking-lot" and a drive past the fishbowl to lighten our pockets a little more for MDA. The leader of the phone training session said it was the easiest group of people to train...except she had never seen a group take so many bathroom breaks. Maybe we will have to cut down on the coffee and juice at breakfast next year! Everyone looked marvelous on television and Our "Pal" SAL CAUSARANO and SUE HINKLE presented a check from the SDMC to MDA in the amount of \$7500. That's an exciting number and is enough to send fifteen kids to camp for a week, provide many services at the MDA Children's Hospital Clinic, or many more exciting things. One of our members went out of his way to make a difference too. Even though ART HAMILTON was dying to be on camera (not), he was a terrific sport when put in the MDA Jail. He spent 45 minutes calling friends to donate and bail him out. Thanks Art!

After the telethon we headed up to Poway for a bar-b-que, swim, and general cooling off. Unfortunately, SUE KESSLER forgot her swimsuit and we missed seeing her unique way of going down the waterslide. She'll defi-

nately not forget it next year. A great time was had by all and we would personally like to thank all of you who went on the Miata/MDA 100-mile run in August and all who participated in any way on Labor Day. We had a few people for whom this was their first SDMC activity—a special welcome and thank you. Looking forward to seeing you all at many more events in the near future. What a super group of people we have in our club. Life is good here in San Diego for sure.

— DAVID & PAMELA HUNT



Below — Sue Hinkle and SDMC president Sal Causarano present a check for \$7500 to MDA during an on-air segment while more SDMC members man the phones.



PHOTOS MARK BOOTH





**September 8, 2002 Autocross Results**

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

Class	Driver	Car	Place
CS	RON CHAPMAN	Miata	3rd
CS	CAROL SCHWARTZ	Miata	4th
CS	DENNIS DIDIER	Miata	6th
CS	LARRY CLAPPER	Miata	8th
ES	JOE MOORE	Miata	7th
IS2	BRIAN GOODWIN	Miata	1st
IS2	ROBERT "JT" HOLLAND	Miata	2nd
IS2	MICHAEL HEINITZ	Miata	3rd
IS2	KEVIN HAYWOOD	Miata	4th
IS2	JOHN "JD" LIMA	Miata	6th
IS2	RAINER MUELLER	Miata	8th
IS2	ELLIOT SHEV	Miata	9th
IS2	STEVE KENNISON	Miata	10th
IS2	STEVE WAID	Miata	11th
IS2	JOSEPH MEDINA	Miata	12th
IS2	JIM BROKAW	Miata	13th
IS2L	BARBARA SHEV	Miata	2nd
CSP	MARA CALER	CRX	3rd
STS	ED PITTS	Corolla	16th
SU	JAMES SANDERS	Miata	11th
M1	LARRY DENNSTEDT	Aardvark	2nd
Novice	JEFF KING	Miata	50th



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

- 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  
 (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.

While there are no style points in autocross, Michael Heinitz should have earned some anyway.



PHOTOS: VOODOO BOB KRAUEGER



Steve Kennison back on track in his '02 Titanium.





## Team Hoodoo

When Flyin' Miata scheduled its annual Open House (and Peach Festival!) on August 16th this year, it seemed like a good excuse to see some more of the Southwest from the flying bridge of our Miata. So, we set out with GENE and PINKY STANLEY on the 8th, en route to Grand Junction via Nevada, Utah, and Colorado. The Other Mode (top up and AC on) of our cars was in use at first, through our first stop in the Valley of Fire near Las Vegas. The roads began to twist as we entered Utah to stop at St. George for the night. Next day was a pass through Zion National Park, up into Cedar Breaks, familiar from our route to the Utah club's Fall Leaf Run, then to the entrance of Capitol Reef for the night.



The morning light was magnificent as we drove through the park, the roads uncrowded, but no peaches available from the historic orchards, so we drove on, secure in the knowledge that peaches awaited further on.

But first, over the Colorado River in Glen Canyon was Natural Bridges National Monument, then a run north to Moab. Arches, Dead Horse Point, and Canyonlands occupied the next day, and another night in Moab. Our Utah passage had been marked by red rocks perched one upon the other (hoodoos) and uncrowded and bendy roads through magnificent vistas.

## Continental Drift

Monday was a jog back to Highway 46 and east to 90, crossing the Colorado border, where level farmland suddenly dropped into a beautiful canyon via switchbacks and some new kinds of twisty corner signage. We headed south to Cortez, but Mesa Verde had been sadly affected by fires, and we gave it a pass, while another massive plume of smoke to the east indicated that fires were still a menace. North again, and 11,000 feet at Monarch Pass before descending to spend the night in historic Silverton. Next day was to the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument, where roads skirted the abyssal drop, then sidwinded down to the bottom. Still pressing on easterly, across the Continental Divide, we stopped in Salida, then west over Independence Pass (12,000 feet) and through Aspen, where money green competes with mountain greenery. Turning again before Glenwood Springs, south through coal mining valleys and up over the Grand Mesa, which was grand, road and views alike. Overnight in Rifle, and a short hop on I-70 to Glenwood Springs for the caverns. Are we sceneried out for a while? Yes. Time to head for Grand Junction on the Interstate, getting passed by OTMs for the first time.

## Dynos and Dinosaurs

At our hotel we watched the arriving Miatas, scoped out a microbrewery within walking distance, washed the car, and turned in. The next day more familiar faces turned up when we rolled over to Flyin' Miata—Skip Cannon, Mary and Joe Portas, and Lance and Wendy Schall from Colorado, Wanda and Bill Bates and others from Utah, the gang at FM, and of course, TurboDog.

The autocross at the fairgrounds brought out a lot of drivers and their machines, including one modified to a degree to put Phil and Jack in the



shade. STEF got a ride through the cones in the turbocharged FM Protege5. We skipped out before dinner to the Dinosaur Museum near Fruita, where we also made a pilgrimage to the shrine of Mike, the headless chicken. This was a famous chicken who refused to go quietly after his head was chopped off, going on the stage for the two years it took him to realize that he was dead. Voodoo lives!

Following that religious experience, we drove up and over the Colorado National Monument, and back to Grand Junction in time for happy hour at the microbrewery. Dinner, a follow-on to a wedding of Dani and Dan Pedrosa of M Road, saw the whole group come together, including Rick Weldon with videos of several OTC outings in the Track Dog.

Saturday, 46 Miatas shaped up in Palisade, east of Grand Junction, for the Peach Festival and Parade. Our SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB magnetics



were most appreciated by the crowd (“You came all the way for our parade?”). There were also Floridians, an Oregonian, and a Londoner (a guest of the Bates), but we graciously accepted the applause for the left coast. Afterward peach sundaes in the city park helped ameliorate the 90-100-degree temps that had been pretty much the norm from Barstow on. That evening a Miata night had been laid on by our hosts at the Sonic drive-in, cruise tee-shirt included, and afterward a drive-in movie for the hard-core (no, not the movie, the drivers who were ready to head 40 miles south to the theater in Delta, CO). Sunday morning was breakfast for the group, followed by the high-speed Strafing Run. We jammed home in a day and a half via I-70 to I-15, while Gene and Pinky wanted more scenery, heading home via Monument Valley.

— TOM GOULD



August 31 - Saturday  
Luau Run to the Lewis'

Don't give up your day job. That was the unanimous advice to the dozen SDMCers who learned how to do the hula at the annual LEWIS Luau on the last day of August. The dancers who preceded the club members on the stage seemed to have a tad more grace, charm, and poetic movement.

But the hula lessons were a fun part of a fun event, hosted by the Lewis clan at their Jamul estate. They went all out, with orchids on the tables, tiki torches surrounding the patio, a brilliant volcano, and other topical decorations. Plenty of marvelous food was served, including Kahlua (roast) pork, Huli-huli chicken, ginger rice, fresh fruit, Hawaiian desserts, Hawaiian Punch, soda, Long Board Beer (Kona

Brewing Co.), poi for the adventurous, and sweet and sour meatballs. The Hawaiian stage show was simply outstanding. They even had a drawing for a special Hawaiian gift. Wow!

Getting there was half the fun, as they say, with ED DITTMAN, patriarch of the clan, leading the 60-mile run to earn his magnetics. The enticement of the party was so great that several cars that could not make the run went directly to the Lewis location, some arriving after dark. Which is a real challenge in that part of the county.

It will be an event long remembered and long discussed.

— TOM SPRAGUE

P.S.— If you would like to learn more about the LEWIS clan, re-read the Member Profile on page 6 of the May 2002 issue of the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB NEWS.



PHOTOS: BRUCE LEWIS





## Do Your Miata Windows Cry?

That's the way CHARLENE BROKAW described the windows in their '94 Laguna Blue. Whenever she or JIM would raise, or lower, either window it would "cry" all the way up and all the way down. What she was referring to was the sound the Miata's windows were making. In addition, the windows had become quite slow to go up and down.

Jim had attempted to fix this earlier. He went to the Garage section of [Miata.net](http://Miata.net) and found an article that detailed, according to the author, "Lubricating Miata Windows." Following the suggestions in the article to the letter, Jim performed the service and the windows operated better...for a while. Shortly after, the windows began to "cry" anew.

DIANE LONG was having trouble with the power windows in her '97 Miata as well, so we all got together one nice Saturday morning to have a mini-Tech Day on power windows. I, of course, will do anything to get an article for the newsletter, even work on Miata power windows.

To start out, remove the inner door panels from both the passenger and driver sides. First, if you have manual windows (they might need lubricating too), then you will need to remove the window crank. To do so, run a shop rag behind to "pop" the spring clip



PHOTO: CHARLENE BROKAW

out that holds the crank in place. Then you can remove the crank and the plastic trim washer behind it.

Next, remove the door armrest by removing the three screws (two if you have a '94 or '95). The top screw is under a plastic plug in the handle which can be pried out with a small screwdriver.

Remove the separate speaker grill ('90 to '93 cars only) by gently pulling around the outside edge to "pop" the clips free. Now you can remove the door panel by the same method. Gently prying the edges of the panel away from the door to "pop" the clips free. Be careful and take your time or you will break these plastic clips! Finally, lift the door panel straight UP. There is a small locating pin in the top of panel.

Once the interior panel is removed you can see the clear plastic moisture barrier on the inside of the door. This is affixed to the door with a vile black compound that will get on anything it touches, so wear rubber gloves! You will need to gently peel the plastic back on itself at the front and alternately at the back of the door to gain access to the window mechanics. Do this carefully to avoid tearing the plastic. You might have to disengage the door handle rod to peel this plastic barrier back.

The window rides up and down the door in three separate tracks. At the rear and middle of the door there are two metal tracks in which plastic rollers guide the window. At the front of the door the track is actually a rubber channel that extends to the top of the door, just behind the small triangular window. With the window in the UP position, you will need to maneuver a spray can of white lithium grease inside the door and spray it into the rear and middle tracks. With the window in the DOWN position, you can use a cotton swab to remove any old and



PHOTO: CHARLENE BROKAW

hardened grease that has accumulated at the top of the track. Then spray some white lithium grease on the top of the rollers. You will get some grease on the glass, but we can clean that later.

At the front, the rubber channel needs to be lubricated as well, but *NOT* with the lithium grease! What should be used is something compatible with rubber. Silicone spray is compatible, as is some kind of rubber conditioner, such as Armor All. The silicone will last longer, so you won't have to repeat this job as often. The original article cautions against using silicone (mis-referenced as silicon, which is a common mistake) due to it dripping into electrical contacts. Cautious application of the silicone would negate this fear, and if you spray enough silicone for it to drip off, you have used too much anyway.



PHOTO: CHARLENE BROKAW

To properly apply the silicone to the rubber channel, fold a paper towel and spray the silicone on the corner of the towel. Rub this wetted area of the towel inside the rubber channel (both the top section on the outside of the door and the lower section that is in-

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PHOTO: DIANE LONG

Above— Maneuver the spray can of white lithium grease into the door so you can spray it into the metal tracks.

Below— Don't worry about getting some on the glass, you can clean it off with a kitchen degreaser followed by a glass cleaner.



PHOTO: DIANE LONG



PHOTO: CHARLENE BROOKAW

side the door). You should repeat this a couple of times as the first application will merely clean the "dead" rubber and dirt from the channel. This you will notice as the "black stuff" on the paper towel. Subsequent applications of silicone, from a clean, wetted paper towel, will apply the silicone to the rubber.

Operate the windows up and down a few times. They should be operating more smoothly and quietly now.

To remove the overspray of grease on the glass, first use a kitchen degreaser, such as Fantastik. Then, use a glass cleaner.

Charlene, Jim, and Diane were happy that their windows were silent again. Hopefully you will be too.

— ANTHONY WILDE

*Note: Removal of the door panels on M2 ('99 and later) Miatas may be different than the procedure noted here. The lubrication procedure should be the same.*

## 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:** 1 55mm Tiffen red filter (for black and white photo shooting), 2 ea Tiffen and Cannon 58 mm UV/haze filters. (all new and unused). \$5 each

VBob (858) 486-4711 [vbob@teamvoodoo.com](mailto:vbob@teamvoodoo.com)

**For Sale:** 1999 Emerald Green Miata. Custom Burlwood dash, gold-plated trim, leather package, 70,000+ miles, \$12,850.

Bob (909) 597-1664 [RMDavis2002@yahoo.com](mailto:RMDavis2002@yahoo.com)

**For Sale:** '92 Silver Miata. 5-speed, a/c, cruise control, power steering, brakes, windows. Roll bar, XM (satellite) radio, upgraded headrest speakers, alarm, upgraded top with zippered glass rear window. Maintenance records: oil changed every 2500-3000 miles, all factory recommended service done on schedule. Good condition. \$4000.

Robert, (619) 263-0609 or [dr.bob@cox.net](mailto:dr.bob@cox.net)

**For Sale:** Very special, adult driven, 1999 Miata with Jackson Racking supercharger, ignition timer, rollbar, and lowered suspension. Never raced, never abused. Very, very

quick and drivable. In excellent shape, factory leather & in-dash CD. Must sell due to home purchase.

Tom, (949) 394-1716 or [tdskip@yahoo.com](mailto:tdskip@yahoo.com)

**For Sale:** New Serious Auto cockpit cover. Never used, just tested. Original price \$40. Yours for only \$35. Window protector, \$20. Diane, [djaws@san.rr.com](mailto:djaws@san.rr.com) (858) 566-6973

**Wanted:** 15 inch OEM wheels.

Stef (619) 297-4272 or [stef@miata.net](mailto:stef@miata.net)

**For Sale:** Flyin' Miata springs for '90 to '97 Miatas. If measured from the center of the wheel to the fender lip, your car will lower to 12" - 12.5" in the front and 12.5" - 13" in the rear. \$118. (New \$219).

Stef (619) 297-4272 or [stef@miata.net](mailto:stef@miata.net)

**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](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 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](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.

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)

