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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fun Is What It's All About

I can't believe the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB Holiday Party is just over a week away! The holiday season is quickly approaching and as usual I'm far from ready. It seems like only yesterday we were putting up the artificial Christmas tree. There was a time when I told GERI and myself that I would never buy a fake tree. Well, I had to eat *those* words. I always enjoy this time of year, even with the over commercialization of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years. I enjoy checking out all the new "stuff" on the shelves and I especially enjoy the time off from work to enjoy with friends and loved ones. Geri and I have been extremely busy for the last five weeks and have missed being with Club members dearly. I am writing this article as I am flying back home from a business trip to Charleston, South Carolina.

As I was reflecting on this year's events, I felt we hadn't scheduled very many until I started going over the newsletters for the past 11 months. Wow! Except for a few "event challenged" months, this club sure packed a lot of stuff into the last 11 months. Autocross and track driving events were a regular occurrence throughout the year to keep those "need for speed" members placated.

For the rest of us, the year started out with the annual Hangover Run, Olympic Torch Relay, and a Las Vegas Getaway. Many of us worked the International Auto Show in February and attended the ever-popular Fishy Run, this time to Long Beach. March brought us the always-exciting Puke-O-Rama, a Tech Day in Ramona, the National Tour Autocross Championship, and the first of many "Planned Impromptu Runs."

April started off with a bang with our Annual Meeting, a new elected Board, SDMC's 6th Anniversary Party, the Desert Blooms Run, the One Lap of America Charity Event, "Revenge of the cheese" Rap Concert at the culmination of Dam Run IV, and we must not forget the season opener of our monthly "Cruisin Grand" meals and wheels.

May brought one of my favorite events, The Search for Madonna. Thanks to LAURIE and STEVE for making this yearly event better each year.

June brought great top-down driving along with a Tech Day in Oceanside and DIANE LONG'S yummy ice-cream social and parade planning event.

July wouldn't be July without our annual 4th of July Parade, BBQ and pool party. Yup, you all put SDMC in First Place in the parade again. I've lost count on how many First Prize ribbons we have. Of course, let's not forget the great weekend we had hosting the SAHUARO MIATA CLUB and "batting" the month of July off

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with the ever-exciting Twilight Run.

August blazed in with the 6th annual Miles of Miatas for MDA, the run to the Getty Museum, Dyno tuning at Team Godspeed, the Monterey Historic Automobile Races, Debbye does Santee Drive-in, and the Luau Run to the Lewis'. Wow! Was that a month to remember—as much as I tried, I was not able to do it all.

September brought the MDA Telethon and check presentation, along with lots of trophies for SDMC members at the Best of the Bunch III car show.

With the weather cooling off a bit, October brought a long string of Miatas to the Coronado Classic Speed Festival, the Columbus Day Parade, the Run to the Train Races, and of course, the much talked about Edelbrock Tour and fun run. I will never forgive myself for missing that one!

As I am writing this I can see that November has gotten off to a great start with the bi-annual Hearst Castle/San Simeon Run, the slots of Fun Run, and the Veterans Day Parade.

Whew! Have we been busy or what?

This year has been filled with events only because you, the members, have made it happen. You have scheduled events, earned your magnetics, showed us a great time, and hopefully, had a blast doing it. Please keep the momentum going. This Club thrives because of the camaraderie and it takes events for the camaraderie to survive. So lets get out there and fill up that Calendar for 2003. It's not too early. Remember, if you need assistance with your event, contact STEVE WAID or any board member for assistance.

Geri and I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very joyous and safe holiday season.

— "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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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.

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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

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**San Marcos
Holiday Parade**

Date: Sunday, December 1

Meeting Time: 10:45 a.m.

Meeting Place: Dalton's

Roadhouse, 775 Center Drive,
San Marcos, (760) 746-8340

Coordinator: STEVE WAID

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

This will be the third year that Miatas have driven in the San Marcos Holiday Parade. The San Marcos organizing committee has this one organized really well. It is "Miata friendly" in that any dignitaries needing rides are very conscious of our cars and yield to our desires as to how they ride.

This year's theme is "A Teddy Bear Holiday," recognizing the 100-year anniversary of the Teddy Bear. Decorating our cars for the parade is what has again made the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB special when it comes to being invited to parades.

We will meet in the parking lot at Dalton's Roadhouse at 10:45 for the short caravan to the parade staging area in the parking lot at Palomar College. Upon reaching the staging area we will be situated by the parade organizers and will then have plenty of time to decorate the cars. At that time the dignitary assignments will be made to those wishing to carry one. The parade step off is 1 p.m., but we will start rolling before that to get to the parade start. The parade is short and a very "children oriented" affair. We will be done by about 1:30 and be looking for a place to eat.

Directions to Meeting Place: From San Diego take either I-15 or I-5 North to Highway 78. Nordahl is one exit west of Interstate 15. North on Nordahl and left on Montiel.

**Thunderhill Track Day
& Women's Track
School**

Dates: December 1-2



Place: Thunderhill, Willows, CA*

Contact: Aaron Tachibana,

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.

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. There are only a few places left!

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

**San Diego SCCA Region
Solo II (Autocross)
Novice School**

Date: Saturday, December 7

Tech & Registration: 8 - 9 a.m.

Place: Qualcomm Stadium

Mission Valley, north east lot.

Cost: \$75

This school is only for novices who want to learn from experienced drivers. A morning session with the instructors, followed by an afternoon session to test your new-found skills. This school is limited to the first 30 drivers. You must have a 2002 Solo-2 card to participate. For information, or questions, contact Jason Robinson (619) 575-1675.

Toys for Tots Run

Date: Saturday, December 7

Meeting Place: Olympic Training
Center, Chula Vista

Meeting Time: 11:30 a.m.

Run starts at 12 noon.

Run Leaders: SCOTT LEWIS & JUDY RYAN

This run qualifies toward Mileage Award



Bring an unwrapped toy to deliver to the Marines and their Toys for Tots campaign. The run will take us along Otay Lakes Road east to Hwy 94 West. We will travel Hwy 94 west to the Avocado exit in La Mesa/Spring Valley. North on Avocado to Fuerte Drive, then left on Fuerte Drive. Continue on Fuerte to Mt. Helix Drive. Left on Mt. Helix Drive to the top for a stretch and to view the Rotating House on the north-facing side of the mountain. From there we will go back to Fuerte Drive and take it to Grossmont Center. We can decide what to eat when we get there. There are many good restaurants ranging from Claim Jumper (reservations) to Pat & Oscars and a few others. The toy drive with the Marines will be set up in the southeast corner of the lot near the main entrance of the old Wards store. Total time for the trip, with a stop on Mt. Helix, should be approx. 1-1/2 hours.

**San Diego Miata Club
Holiday Party**

Date: Friday, December 13

Times: Appetizers @ 6:30 p.m.

Dinner @ 7:30 p.m.

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

RSVPs and payment must be received by December 5. Sorry, but there will be no tickets sold at the door.

Please mail your checks to: 16203 Oakley Road, Ramona, CA 92065; made payable to SDMC (SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB).

Dinner will be served buffet style. Cost is \$18 per person. Appetizers start at 6:30 p.m. and holiday dinner buffet at 7:30 p.m. Cocktails are avail-

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able in the lounge, across the lobby from the dining room. Dancing provided in the lounge at 9 p.m. by "Nitro Express."

The famous SDMC gift exchange will be held after dinner. Please bring a wrapped Miata or automotive-related gift with a value not in excess of \$25 to participate in this hilarious event. Bring two gifts, take home two gifts!

Directions to the party: Thomas Brother's Map, page 1173, F4. The clubhouse is marked with a little red square.

Take your favorite route to Ramona. 10th / San Vicente Road (traffic light)—go east. (right turn if coming north on Highway 67) An AM/PM gas station is on the left corner. Follow it all the way to the San Vicente Inn. About 8 miles. You'll go thru several traffic lights along the way...the last one being at Gunn Stage. From there, it's about a mile on the right side just past the Tennis Courts.

The *fun* way would be to come up Wildcat Canyon Road through the Barona Indian Reservation. Just follow Wildcat Canyon Road all the way to the end. It dead ends at San Vicente Road. At the light, turn right. You're in the San Diego Country Estates within a few mild curves.

Monthly Meeting

A week early due to Christmas

Date: Thursday, December 19

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

SOCALM Hangover Run 2003

Date: Wednesday, January 1, 2003

Meeting Time: 10 a.m. drivers meeting

Meeting Place: Orange County Health Services, 27512 Calle Arroyo, San Juan Capistrano

Host: K. Zack Broadbent, racerzack@aol.com or (714) 449-9280 home, (714) 809-2612 cell

Bring a few dollars for facility use fee at break (maybe).

It is time again for the infamous, multi-club, mega Hangover Run. We set a record in 2002 with 133 cars, so maybe we'll hit 150 cars in 2003! This year, the run will get into the curves right from the start with a casual cruise along scenic Ortega Highway. We'll take a rest stop in Lake Elsinore, and we may have to pay a small facility use fee (last year it was \$1 per car, but be prepared for the chance that it could be a bit more; maybe as high as \$5). Hopefully, there won't be a fee, but it is best to be prepared. After the rest stop, we'll hit some of the coolest roads, including the Hangover Run's signature 27% downgrade. The run will end sometime around 2 p.m. in Temecula.

Directions to Meeting Place: Exit Interstate 5 at Ortega Highway (74) and head inland (from the 5 South you would turn left). Go 0.2 miles and turn right at the light onto Rancho Viejo. At the dead end/light, turn left onto Calle Arroyo. Go about 0.2 miles and turn right into the Orange County Health Services parking lot; if you reach a stop sign, you went too far. The parking lot may appear small at first, but bear to the right and you'll see it extends a long way behind some small office buildings.

A Plane Ol' Bread Run

Date: Saturday, January 18

Meeting Time: 9 a.m. for breakfast,



Drivers meeting at 9:45, 10 a.m. departure.

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

Run Leaders: JIM & LAURIE PATTON
A nice little run to Dudley's, then up Mesa Grande, then around to the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar for a visit to the "Flying Leathernecks" airplane museum, ending up across the street from Miramar at Acapulco's to eat again.



Laughlin Getaway

Dates: January 31 - February 2

Contact: BARI RUSSELL,

barirussell@earthlink.net

I'm starting to hear clang, clang! It's time for our annual "let's support Laughlin" weekend! I have chosen January 31st thru February 2nd. Unfortunately, Harrah's is not offering those fantastic rates we are so used to! The room rate will be \$55 if we stay there or \$49 a night if we go to the Flamingo. This is a survey; which hotel do you prefer? I need to know right away so I can submit a group contract to the hotel of our choice.

Please respond promptly!

Run to the Carrot Festival in Holtville

A joint run with the Shelby Club of Southern California

Date: February 1

Run Leaders: RANDY & SUE PATTERSON

Details to follow next month.

Desert Blooms Run

A joint run with SOCALM

Date: March 29

Details to follow next month.

Search for Madonna 2003

Dates: May 3-5

Place: The Madonna Inn
San Luis Obispo, CA

Coordinator: STEVE WAID,

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

May 3rd through May 5th of 2003 will



be the 5th year in a row that Miatas have swarmed San Luis Obispo County searching for Madonna. What are we searching for, you ask? Fun is the answer! Each year we have found it, but we also always leave wanting more. The fabulous Madonna Inn is our headquarters for this 3-day and 2-night adventure. As a searcher you can expect to drive nearly 1000 miles during the search (we are a driving club, you know). You can expect to eat in great quality and quantity (we are an eating club, you know). You can expect to see lots of great cars besides our Miatas at the Morro Bay car show (we are a car club, you know). And, you can expect to laugh and spin yarns with your fellow Miataphiles (that's in our Mission Statement, you know).

All of this AND the Madonna Inn. The Madonna Inn, known for it's 109 unique rooms, is much of the fun. Our annual room hopping evening to see what room each searcher has selected has become the most anticipated part of the search. Coupled with a banquet, fun runs, the trips to and from the inn, and the car show, the Search for Madonna annually returns some tired but happy travelers to their respective homes...anticipating the next search.

To see details of previous searches, please go to www.sandiegomiataclub.org and click on newsletter. The June 2002 newsletter carries the review of the 2002 search, and the June 2001 newsletter highlights the 2001 search. Also, to see pictures from the 2002 search, go to www.miatafun.net and click on the Miata Club pages, including picture pages and go to either SDMC or SOCALM (this *is* a joint event) and then click on the Madonna Inn event button. There are three pages of pictures shot by TOM WOOD.

How do you become a searcher for 2003? It is easy...and fun. Go to the Madonna Inn web site, www.madonnainn.com and click on the "109

Unique Rooms" button. Browse through the rooms and select your top three choices to reserve. Then call the Madonna Inn at (800) 543-9666 and ask for group reservations, Barbara, and tell her you are with the Miata club. Give her your first choice and she will see if it is available, and if it isn't go with #2 and so on. After confirming your room, please notify STEVE WAID of your room name and number. Then, just wait. The anticipation will become almost unbearable after a few months, but May 3rd is not that far away.

UPCOMING REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS

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 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 less than 2-to-1 student/instructor ratio, a ratio higher than driving schools costing thousands of dollars.

There's nothing quite like having a Sports 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.

California-Oregon National Park Tour 2003

Dates: May 23 - June 1

Hosted By: MARNA WOOD,

MiataFun@earthlink.net

Come and join us for a week-long run through California and Oregon. The snow has melted, the flowers are blooming. The natural wonders of the West are beckoning.

Leaving the Los Angeles area on Friday, May 23, we will journey north along the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Along the way, we will visit four National Parks – Sequoia, Kings Canyon, Yosemite, and Lassen Volcanic. Entering Oregon, we will stop at Crater Lake National Park before we proceed north along the Cascade Mountains to Bend. Heading west, we will reach the coast at Newport before beginning a leisurely journey south. We will take our time, exploring the Seal Lion Caves, the Oregon Dunes, The Avenue of the Giants, and many awesome Miata roads.

Along the way, we will also be socializing with numerous other Miata clubs, culminating on May 30th with dinner with the BAMA and Delta Miata clubs. June 1st, it will be time to head home, after a week of exploring the scenic West and developing lifelong friendships.





— LEO DAILEY

The Miata bug certainly took a circuitous route to bite LEO DAILEY. But when the bug did bite, it bit in a very, very big way.

Two years ago, Leo took possession of a white '90 from a friend at work, who figured he wanted to get rid of the “chick car.” And the car, with 141,000 miles on it, needed, shall we say, some considerable improvements, timing belt to begin with. But it was an economical transportation vehicle and so Leo moved merrily along.

Until one fateful day on his way to the dentist. Leo found he had more tooth problems that just those in his mouth. His transmission shuddered and shimmied, and he found himself with only fourth gear operative—in the midst of the freeway free-for-all.

Although not a certified gear head at that time, Leo decided to see what he could do about fixing it himself. With a little bit of trial and error—more errors than trial, it must have seemed—he got it done, and he said to himself, “self... I can do that.”

Having long heard the phrase “when all else fails, read the instructions” Leo figured the best way to find out how to do things was with the mechanics manual. So he bought one, and has used it regularly since then.

Leo heard from a friend about the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB, and then looked us up on the Internet. He attended a meeting with luke-warm enthusiasm, although he met a host of very enthusiastic folks. Then he decided to try an autocross at Qualcomm, and as Leo reports “then I was hooked.”

Those of you on the e-mail list have vicariously helped Leo rebuild his car, as he kept sending regular messages about challenges and solutions. We all felt part of his rebuilding project as he told first of the problems, got ideas, and then reported fixes.

Now, with the well-used manual firmly in hand, Leo has changed the exhaust header, radiator, O-rings on the injectors, installed an aluminum flywheel, slotted and drilled rotors for the brakes, etc., etc., etc. It took him three hours to find that little screw that makes the rear brake installation so much easier, but he got it done at

4 a.m. in time to go on an impromptu run Saturday morning.

Now, Leo has a motto—never start any Miata project until you ask for suggestions on the club e-mail list. “Somebody out there has already done it, and you can learn so much by asking and listening,” he says.

Leo really enjoyed runs like the Twilight, luau, the Getty, and loves the impromptu runs.

He signs his e-mail messages with “Leo, 90 White in need of TLC.” The lucky car has surely been getting it. In October his car got a new winter coat (beautiful shiny white paint), and soon thereafter was honored with a high-flow cat, along with a Borla cat-back system. Leo reports: “It sounds way better than before. “Tre-kewl.” On early test runs, it seems to roll up on the acceleration much smoother.

Leo says the Miata is the most fun he has had with a car. He would like to also say “ThanX, SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB, for being so nice and great to be around.”

— 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.



Right— Leo gets some instruction on the autocross course.

PHOTO: SCOTTLewis



New Members!

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

JOSHUA & SYLVIA CHEEK
San Diego
1991 Silver

STEVE & KAREN DIFFENBACHER
Upland
1999 White Leather

STEVE & FLORENCE FRICK
San Diego
2003 Red

NOLAN HOWARD
Chula Vista
1999 Emerald Green

JOHN & JEANNE IAIA
Jamul
1995 Red

CHUCK OBINA
San Diego
1994 Black

DORA & FANK PEDERSEN
El Cajon
1990 White

DALE THOMPSON
Del Mar
2003 Garnet LS

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

KYOICHI ABE
EUNICE E. BAUMAN
JAY & DEE DEMENT
KEVIN & KAREN HAYWOOD
TINA IVANY
HOWARD KUZMINSKI
SCOTT & JOANNA LANGHOFF
LARRY LARSON
DAVID & LEANNE LYNN
TONY MARTONE & LINDA JENSEN
CHERIE PARMENTIER
ED & MARKY PITTS
DAVID & STEPHANIE SHABESTARI
PATRICK & VIONA VAN HOOSE
MARY ANN WALLNER



SDMC Member Now With Cush Mazda

They always say, "it's good to know a friend who sells cars," and that is now true for members of the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB. Long-time club member, and former first lady, BARB SHEV is now selling Miatas, and other Mazdas, at Cush Mazda in Escondido.

When Barb is not out burning up the autocross track, she will be spending her time burning up the roads doing test drives. What a job; getting paid to drive Miatas!

Barb has embarked on this new career with her usual exuberance and enthusiasm. This is just another step on the road of life-changing events for Barb. You might notice in the photo that she is well on her way to letting the healthier Barb shine through.

When you happen to be in North County, just stop by and say hi!

— ANTHONY WILDE

Notice: A Special Invitation to the Mazda6 Unveiling Party!

When: Thursday, December 12

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Where: Cush Mazda, 1560 Auto Park

Way North, Escondido
Refreshments will be served. Test drives can be arranged with Barb at (760) 737-3267.

Membership Statistics

As of November 24, 2002, there are 372 memberships (142 single, 230 dual) for a total of 602 members.

Memberships by Miata Color:

93	Red
53	White
39	Black
35	Silver
27	Emerald Green
16	Montego Blue
16	Yellow
12	BRG
12	Crystal Blue
11	Sapphire Blue
11	Twilight Blue
10	Mahogany
10	Mariner Blue
7	Laguna Blue
7	Marina Green
7	Midnight Blue
6	Merlot
6	Starlight Blue
4	Titanium
1	Evolution Orange
1	Garnet
1	Laser Blue
1	Teal (custom)
7	Unreported*

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

Local Business Discounts Keep Growing

If you check out the back page of the newsletter, you will notice the Local Business Discounts section has a couple of new entries. Two new discounts this month for the benefit of SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB members.

See the back page for Professional Car Care Products and Accessories, with a discount on their automotive detailing services, and Thompson Automotive Products, with club discounts on their oil filter relocation kits.





Howard Kuzminski attacks the course.



November 10 - Sunday
Autocross at the "Q"



Scott Lewis at speed.



JD Lima in the proverbial "sea of cones."

Michael Heinitz keeps it going forward.



Larry Dennstedt in the Aardvark.



PHOTOS: VOODOO BOB KRAUEGER



November 10, 2002 Autocross Results

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

Class	Driver	Car	Place
CS	CAROL SCHWARTZ	Miata	5th
CS	DENNIS DIDIER	Miata	7th
CS	JEFFERY KING	Miata	8th
CS	LARRY CLAPPER	Miata	9th
ES	SCOTT LEWIS	Miata	4th
IS2	KEVIN HAYWOOD	Miata	2nd
IS2	JOHN "JD" LIMA	Miata	3rd
IS2	MICHAEL HEINITZ	Miata	4th
IS2	BRIAN GOODWIN	Miata	5th
IS2	JIM BROKAW	Miata	6th
IS2	STEVE WAID	Miata	7th
IS2	ROBERT "JT" HOLLAND	Miata	8th
IS2	STEVEN KENNISON	Miata	10th
IS2	ELLIOT SHEV	Miata	11th
IS2	FEDERICO ABAD	Miata	17th
STS	RON CHAPMAN	Sentra	8th
STS	MARA CALER	Civic	12th
STS	ED PITTS	Corolla	20th
SU	HOWARD KUZMINSKI	Miata	4th
M1	LARRY DENNSTEDT	Aardvark	3rd
Novice	LEO DAILEY	Miata	19th



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

Saturday, December 7.....novice school

No autocross dates are scheduled for January or February, 2003. The 2003 schedule of autocross events will be published here as soon as it becomes available.

To confirm autocross information, call:

San Diego SCCA Hotlines (619) 441-1333
(800) 360-4454

Web page www.sdr-solo2.com

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



Federico Abad aims for the apex and looks ahead to the next one.



Kevin Haywood was the fastest SDMC time in IS2 on this day.



JT has a bad day, but he is set to repeat as IS2 champion. One more event to go.

PHOTOS: SCOTT LEWIS





November 11 - Monday
Veterans Day Parade

Many thanks to the over twenty Miataphiles who turned out to support our community's veterans on their day! Virtually half of the vehicles in attendance were Miatas. We truly had an eclectic collection of vehicles this year, as the Miatas joined T-birds, `Vettes, BMWs, Cadillacs, and other antique and unique vehicles in supporting the event. I did catch some aerial footage from one of the local channels showing what appeared to be an endless line of gleaming Miatas!

Although there was a last minute glitch in the plan, I believe this year's parade was better organized than previous years, and we will take many "lessons learned" into next year's event. Any comments or suggestions are welcome. Special thanks to JERRY BOSTER and LOU STARK, among others, for bringing to my attention that some of our dignitaries hadn't arrived, which helped to alleviate our little "glitch."

Again, our heartfelt thanks! Hope to see you again next year!

— R. SCOTT & JOANNA LANGHOFF



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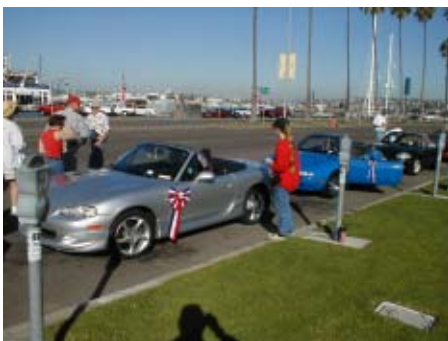


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November 9 - Saturday
Slots of Fun Run II

Despite the rain, everyone who did the Slots of Fun Run II on November 9th had an interesting time driving our Miatas in an environment that isn't normal here in SoCal. I took my digital camera on the run, but due to the weather I didn't take any pictures. I don't think anyone took pictures. It wasn't a "Kodak day."

For some of us this was the first time we had driven our Miatas in the rain. Now we know our windshield wipers and defrosters work and they won't melt.

I don't know if there were any BIG winners, but LES was seen carrying a big bucket of nickels from Harrah's. BOB and LENITA HAGUE should have stayed a bit longer and watched me hit the bonus playing Jack Pot Party for \$50 at Casino Pauma. There were probably other BIG winners, but

they aren't talking for IRS reasons.

The last casino was Casino Pauma. That's where we ate, stuffing ourselves at their buffet, which was quite good. The ½ off price they gave us made it even better!

Sharon and I were asked if there will be a Slots of Fun Run III. If you guys want it, we will do it.

— NICK & SHARON PONCE

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.

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



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Send to: newsletter@sandiegomiataclub.org

For Sale: Hard Dog roll bar for M1. Bought with group buy but it won't fit our after market glass window. \$250.

Chuck, (619) 421-8774 or uscoles@aol.com

For Sale: 1992 red Miata. 75k miles. Original owner. Leather/CD. Jackson Racing supercharger installed at 69K by JBA Racing. Always garaged/covered. New Toyo Proxes T1-S on chrome wheels. Tonneau and new car cover. Spare new battery. \$7895

Bill, (619) 884-7597 or a-bjones@cox.net

For Sale: Utility trailer for sale. 5x8 ft wood floor, 2 ft metal sides. Rear drop ramp. Single axle. 15 inch wheels with spare. This is a heavy duty trailer. Gross weight rating is 2995 lbs. Great for motorcycles, ATVs, landscaping material. Picture available upon request. \$1100 OBO.

Kevin, (760) 751-4050 khaywood@qualcomm.com

For Sale: 1997 Chevy Tahoe, LT, four door, white with grey leather, double rear doors, power everything, Bilstein gas shocks, tow package and brake controller, 85k miles, new tranny at 60k miles, good rubber, one owner, well maintained. Replaced this one with truck of greater load capacity. \$16k OBO.

Kevin, (760) 751-4050 khaywood@qualcomm.com

For Sale: One (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

For Sale: Must sell! A very special, adult driven, 1999 Miata with Jackson Racking supercharger, ignition timer, roll bar, and lowered suspension. Never raced, never abused. Very, very quick and drivable. In excellent shape, factory leather & in-dash CD. \$13,900.

Tom, (949) 394-1716 or tdskip@yahoo.com

For Sale: Window protector, \$20.

Diane, djaws@san.rr.com (858) 566-6973

For Sale: Seats, tan leather, from a '92 LE with 65,000 miles on it. Also have carpeting,

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

For Sale: Montego Blue hard top by SNUG-Top. Excellent, new condition. Includes rear window defroster, dome light, and all wiring to hook them up (we never got around to installing the wiring on our '96). \$1250 OBO.

Karen, (619)220-8331, kgoyette@cts.com

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

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

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

