

SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB NEWS



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UPCOMING EVENTS



October 3, Friday
Cruisin' Grand
Wheels'N'Meals



Oct. 11-12, Sat-Sun.
2003 Classic Speed
Festival, Coronado



October 19, Sunday
10-3
Surf 'N Safari 2004
Prequel Tour and Race
Pala Mesa Resort



October 23, Thurs.
Monthly Meeting
Boll Weevil



November 1, 9 AM
Tech Day
Mike & Robin Faircloth

WHAT'S IN A NICKNAME?

I'm sure that many members have heard some strange names associated with various other club members. Some of these nicknames you may hear are names like Voodoo, J (ethro) T(ull), Wrong Way, Obiwaid, Nails, The Almost Exalted President of Vice, and The Midget. These are only a few of the nicknames "earned" while a member of the San Diego Miata Club.

So who are these names associated with and what is the meaning? Some are simple meanings rooted in a person's business. Case in point is the Nearly Legendary Voodoo BOB KRUEGER. Voodoo Bob is certainly the most famous of this nefarious group, being the owner and proprietor of Team Voodoo. Team Voodoo, as we all know, makes the best shift knobs in the world. Voodoo Bob also makes other fine items for the Miata and is a very good photojournalist. But that one was easy to figure out. Who do we have next?

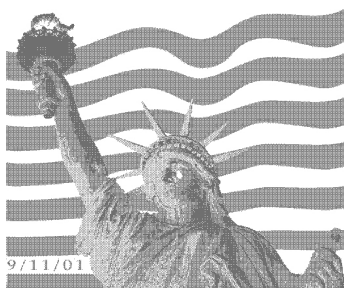
We have a club member called Jethro Tull? Well, yes we do. He only goes by the initials JT. Yes, it's our fine Webmaster ROBERT "JT" HOLLAND. He even has a license plate (ah, but that's another story) that states "N2 TULL". For those folks less experienced (I didn't say old!) Jethro Tull is a world-renowned rock star. I do find it a bit odd that JT even knows about Jethro Tull, as he's a young guy (well, young compared to me).

Next we have Wrong Way Templeton. Now this was pure club inspired. Seems as though JOHN TEMPLETON (BARBARA TEMPLETON'S worst half) was leading a run a few years ago and ended up making a U-turn in the middle of the road to go back to make a turn that he forgot about. The run had been pre-run several times. So some kindly club member from a gesture of pure affection gave the name of Wrong Way to John. John was lucky to have received this honor because in the past few years there have been several people that also could have earned that title.

"Beware of the Dark Side!" So goes the voice of our events chairman, STEVE "OBIWAID" WAID. Yes, this is the defender of "The Yellow". This Jedi Nut enthusiastically pursues "The Yellow" with religious fervor. Just so nobody can forget (himself included) the importance of "The Yellow" Steve and his lovely wife, Laurie, purchased a pristine '92 Yellow. After a few years Obiwaid decided he wanted to drive The Yellow car more frequently (the '92 was Laurie's anyway) and purchased a 2002 SE Blazing Yellow. To avoid all confusion he even has his name (Obiwaid) on his license (I surmise so he won't forget it). To this enYellowed soul I can only say "You don't know the power of the Dark Side".

A nickname that is a complete giveaway to the identity (at least until the

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next election) is The Almost Exalted President of Vice, BRUCE LEWIS. Although it is Bruce's desire to be respected and adored (i.e. presidential aspirations?) by the entire membership he is only "almost" there as the vice president. With hard work, lots of money and a few more luau's he could make the leap and become the figure he desires and enjoy all the benefits he deserves. High pay, short hours, and the adoration of the entire membership. The interesting thing about this nickname is that it was given to him by another nicknamed member, LAURIE "THE MIDGET" PATTON. I guess what goes around comes around, as Bruce and son Dustin were instrumental in giving her the nickname "The Midget" because of her petite size. Along that line you may recall earlier in this article about how Wrong Way Templeton got the title first? Well Dustin was one of the few that also earned the Wrong Way title but alas it was already (fortunately for Dustin) taken.

And last and probably least is the nickname "Nails". Hmmmm, does this nickname mean the person is "Tough as Nails", or perhaps he drives like he is "Nailed" to the pavement. Or maybe he is has an immaculate manicure. Sadly none of this is true. Fact of the matter is, I am known as "Nails". The rather long story (shortened because the real facts were lost in ancient club mythology and I don't remember too well anymore) started on a warm spring day in May of 2000. It was called "The Search for Madonna" and a young (well, young at heart) couple was inspired to join Obiwaide and his fellow travelers for a pilgrimage to a far out land called "The Madonna Inn". While on one of the runs during this event, one of the cars following me apparently had a close encounter of the nail kind. Oops, one flat tire.

Later in the same day, another individual following my silver steed also had an unfortunate encounter with a nail.

It was reported (unjustly so) that I was seen throwing something out of my car (I swear it was sunflower seeds and completely bio-degradable, NOT nails). Our esteemed ex-President, ELLIOT SHEV (who was also one of the flatees) thus named me "Nails". And through out the next few years everybody who had a flat tire asked if I had been in the area where they encountered the nail just so they could blame me. I can only say that it is entirely coincidental that I was in those locations during that time frame.

So that is the story of some of the nicknames in our club. You may want to be careful in what you say and do or you, too, could become NICKNAMED!

STEVE (NAILS) KENNISON
President, San Diego Miata Club



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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NEW MEMBERS!

WELCOME to our newest members (since last newsletter):

Tony Cannon
Dorothy Cheung
Oceanside
2000 Black

Dean King
San Diego
1990 White

Dave Loschiavo
Charlotte Coulter
San Diego
1997 STO (Twilight Blue)

Renee Stone
William Hoyman
Del Mar
1992 Black

Renewing members
(since last newsletter):

Larry Clapper & Gretchen Vik
Bob & LeNita Hague
Bruce & Leigh Harmer
Buffy Hergenrader
Tim Hughes
Jerilyn Jones & Sean O'Connor
Ted & Sue Kesler
Jeff King & Susanna Gonzales
Ed & Michelle Langmaid
Dale & Linda Lee
Laurie Patton
Al & Doris Pierce
Nick & Sharon Ponce
Paul & Robin Przybysz
Steve Robbins
Alex & Lulette Sarko
Gary & Rosalind Scott
Michael & Elinor Shack
Anne & Anna Stalmer
Karen & Tra Wood

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

As of September 19, 2003, there are 343 memberships (129 single, 214 dual) and a total of 557 members.

Memberships by Miata Color:

81 Red
48 White
33 Silver
33 Black
21 Emerald Green
14 BRG
13 Montego Blue
12 Twilight Blue
12 Sapphire Blue
12 Yellow
11 Mahogany
10 Crystal Blue
9 Mariner Blue
7 Laguna Blue
6 Midnight Blue
6 Garnet
5 Titanium
5 Marina Green
4 Starlight Blue
4 Merlot
3 Strato Blue
1 Splash Green
1 Evolution Orange
1 Laser Blue
1 Teal (custom)
1 Viper Pearl Blue (custom)
11 Unreported *

* Unreported means a member does not currently own a Miata.

BADGES?

Have you wondered how 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.

NEWSLETTER TEAM

Take the time to say "thank you!" to the new newsletter team!

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**ZOOM....ZOOM....ZOOM....
GOT REGALIA?**

We have T-shirts, hats, hooded zip sweatshirts, pins, pens, hat chums, carabineer key chains, and window clings. Pick up your SDMC Regalia at the monthly meeting or e-mail the Regalia Gals for special requests. Something new is coming in October; details to follow. Watch your e-mail!

Contact the Regalia Gals Veronica DIDIER & KATHY ROBERTS (858) 578-5727, regalia@sandiegomiataclub.org.



UPCOMING EVENTS

CRUISIN' GRAND

Friday, October 3, 2003
6:00pm-9:00pm



Come to Cruisin' Grand in Escondido on the First Friday of every month to see hot rods, street rods, vintage cars, muscle cars, music, and Miatas. For those wanting to eat before we cruise, we meet at Tom's #23 at the Southwest corner of 5th Ave. and Centre City Parkway. Centre City Parkway is the "Old 395" loop through Escondido. At 7 PM we will leave Tom's to Cruise Grand, then stop to walk Grand and end by eating ice cream...unless someone has a better idea.

CLASSIC SPEED FESTIVAL, CORONADO

Saturday-Sunday,
October 11-12, 2003
8:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.



SDMC contact: Steve Waid or
Stef Gould

Car Corral at the Speed Festival. Parking with the club in the Car Club Corral is FREE, but you must have a pass!

We need a tally of how many people are interested in parking in the Car Club Corral. If you are planning on attending the Speed Festival--please let STEF GOULD know. The deadline was Sept. 1, but some extras may be available. ONLY Miatas will be allowed to park in our section of the corral, Other Than Miatas (OTMs) will be asked to park in the (free) general parking area.

Ticket prices are \$8.50 for 1 day, or \$11.00 for the 2 day pass. Place your order with STEVE WAID at swaid@cox.net or (760) 432-0727. Tickets need to be paid in advance

to any of the Fun Team members no later than September 30th so that the group purchase can be made. Otherwise tickets at the regular price of \$22.00 for the two day pass will have to be purchased at the gate. One day is \$11.

Breakfast before the Saturday practice is at Tartine in Coronado. Contact Stef Gould for directions.

Saturday evening dinner will be at Tent City in Coronado on Orange Street near the Hotel Del. WALLY STEVENS will be coordinating this event again. Tent City really treated us well last year, but Wally needs RSVPs in order to be sure there is adequate space. Dinner will be at 5:30, just after the last race on Saturday. RSVP to Wally at wallymiata@juno.com.

Regional Breakfasts will be held on Sunday before the races. Contact Steve Waid for location nearest you.

Want more information? Go to <http://www.holidaybowl.com/speedfest/>



MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, Oct. 23, 2003
6 PM at Boll Weevil
9330 Clairemont Mesa
Blvd. SD (858)571-6225



This event is the single best way to meet your fellow club members, ask questions, share stories. Don't miss the fun!

TECH DAY IN RAMONA

Saturday, November 1, 2003
MIKE AND ROBIN FAIRCLOTH'S
16203 Oakley Rd
Ramona, CA
(760) 789-5171

MIKE FAIRCLOTH has impact wrenches and most tools available in a five car garage. Space will not be the issue. What would you like to see done? Want to install some new toy? Some basic maintenance? Email Mike with your wishes at fairfalcon@cox.net

MIKE HEINITZ will be available to install windshields at \$144.54 +Tax, \$5 more for shade (tint across the top). This is the same brand windshield installed in the award winning BUZER, and includes a new moulding and expert installation. Please email him at mpheinitz@hotmail.com to reserve a time.

TED KESLER will have his products available. Email him in advance at RNNAWAY@aol.com if you know what you want.

TOM THOMPSON will have his relocation kits available. Email him in advance at tomiat@cox.net.

Swap Meet: Bring that Miata toy that you didn't use or a spare part. Swap or sell some of those kinds of things.

Food will be on a "feed the kitty" basis. Simple food and drink.

Directions: Take your favorite route to Ramona. 10th / San Vicente Road (traffic light) - go east. RT turn if coming north on Hwy 67. (An AM/PM gas station is on the leftcorner. Continue on San Vicente through the light at 'Wildcat Canyon'. When the road becomes a "divided" 4 - lane roadway, stay in the LEFT lane. At the first available LFT turn onto Arena Drive. Take the next immediate LFT (Glenn Ellen); and then take the next immediate RT (Oakley Rd). If you miss Arena, go to the light at Gunn Stage and make a U-Turn and return to Arena.



Club members will converge on Pala Mesa Resort in Fallbrook, Sunday, October 19, 2003 for the Prequel 250 -- inaugural race of the newly-organized Formula 3/16 Racing Series. Six Miata "racers" cut from foam core and painted different colors will compete in the five-lap race beginning at 1:30 p.m.

The event marks the one-year countdown to SURF 'N SAFARI 04, being hosted at the North County resort by the San Diego Miata Club. Over 350 participants are expected for this regional event October 14-17, 2004.

The Prequel 250 race day kicks off with a morning run to Pala Mesa, tours of the resort facilities and lunch. It's a fun-filled day, complete with race wagering, designed to familiarize club members with the upcoming regional's base facility.

THE PREQUEL 250

Club members' color loyalties are going to be put to the ultimate test when these 40-inch-long Miata racers go head-to-head in the first ever Prequel 250. The six competitors -- each red, white, blue, black, green or yellow -- will circle a 50-space course five times to see which claims first place honors.

Racers will be powered by dice -- one die for each color, all rolled together. And the number from one to six that comes up each roll will determine the number of spaces a racer advances.

The Prequel 250 race course will resemble the configuration at Laguna Seca. It will be laid out on a 75' x 90' greens nursery area at Pala Mesa. Bring your lawn chairs and coolers; spectator seating will surround all four sides of the course. Infield seating will be on blankets only.

Each racer will have a driver who advances the car around the course and a team member/pit crew member in the dice area signaling the number of spaces to move with each dice roll. Driver changes may occur each time a racer passes the pit area during the five-lap race.

THE FORMULA 3/16 RACERS

Weighing mere ounces (actually, has anyone bothered to weigh one?), this 40-inch-long Miata hardtop outline is cut from 3/16" thick foam core (thus the series name), a material used primarily for signs and art projects. Original models were hardtops, although several teams plan body modifications and other changes.

Power is provided by a six-sided die, separate from the vehicle and color-coded to the racer.

THE FORMULA F 3/16 RACING SERIES

Anticipating strong interest and a lot of fun, watch for announcement of additional races during the coming year as fun and fundraising events.

THE TEAMS



The six Formula 3/16 racers were auctioned to racing syndicates and individual members during lively bidding -- sometimes against oneself! -- at the club's August 28 monthly meeting that netted \$250. Half of the auction's proceeds will go to the winner of the Prequel 250, with \$75 to second place and \$25 to the third place finisher.

Some purchasers are selling shares in their vehicle and arranging sponsors. Owners/teams are tight-lipped about enhancements and surprises that they hope will assure some advantage.

WAGER ON THE OUTCOME

While bragging rights for the winning color will be on the line with the October 19 race, you also have an opportunity to wager on race results. All bets are \$1.00, but the pay-off varies depending on whether you wager to win, win/place or win/place/show by car color. No casino can top the Prequel 250 rate of pay-out: 90% of funds wagered will be returned to winning bets.

Wagering began at the September 25 meeting and will continue until the first roll of the dice, starting the October 19 race.

-Les Smith

PROFILES PROVIDED BY OWNERS AND TEAMS

White: Our White F 3/16 team shall be named: "Team Dennstedt". Larry Dennstedt, title sponsor. Co-sponsor/co-builder: Judy "you paid \$51 for that?!" Ryan. Pit crew shall be named "The Nut Drivers." Driver: Scott Lewis. P.S. Autographs will be signed by the driver only before the race due to driver's popularity and security concerns. Women and children first.

Larry Dennstedt
and the Nut Drivers

Red: We're known as the Classic Red Racer with a modified Red Miata Foam Board Model. Red Racer has a big following and many fans will be there to cheer us on as we cross the finish line. We're proud to announce that one of our sponsors is Geri's Bazaar and we will display her logo on the car along with several other sponsor logos.

Red Racer's Pit Crew is hard at work designing and installing new modifications to Red Racer. There is even discussion of installing a nitro boost and quad exhaust.

We anticipate there will be a sea of RED at the race as we have requested all of our fans to wear RED.

Jack and Sue Hinkle, Owners

Green: I'll put number "31" on my green foam core racer.

Stef Gould, owner

Black: I have a team of three other people, but they do not own Miatas (is this going to cause me to lose points to win?) and I have two other friends at work who also drive Miatas (but theirs are red and blue, not black). Additional team members are being recruited.

Renee Danielle Stone

Yellow: The large contingent of YELLOW owners will combine to make the finest and fastest car. May the Force be with you! Beware of the Dark Side!

Yellow, The Best Team



FUTURE EVENTS

LADIES ON THE LEFT RUN

November 22
2:30 PM til ???
Run Leader:
BRENDA KAY
(858) 715-0013



Join us for a run with Ladies on the Left (DRIVING!) We'll leave from Grossmont Center at 2:30 pm, stop for a half hour at Summers Past Farms for a tour of their gift shop, pastries and coffee. Then we'll drive to the Viejas Outlet Center for shopping. We'll have reserved parking. Dinner is YoYo (You're On Your Own). And finally, we'll have reserved seats for the Holiday Water Show at 7:30 pm.

Ladies are encouraged to be the driver, but men are welcome.

SAFETY DRIVING SCHOOL

Saturday, Nov. 29th – All Day
Qualcomm Stadium – West Lot

Sanctioned by the
San Diego Region
of the Sports Car
Club of America
(SCCA) and
hosted by the



Southern California Autocross Team
(SCAT)
Coordinated by the San Diego Miata Club

SCCA Instructors will focus on the skills and techniques of accident avoidance and learning what you and your Miata can do. The more comfortable you become with your Miata, the safer you become.

The morning will be spent learning several driving elements at training stations spread out in the Qualcomm parking lot. Students will move from station to station learning each of the

safety elements. After a lunch break, a closed course will be constructed using each of the elements learned, and students will have driving time to practice all of the elements placed together. Instructors will be available to ride along, and students will be able to ride with instructors during the afternoon.

The low cost of \$45 will provide each student the opportunity to participate in this full day of safety drivers training. Improvement of driving skills is an important aspect of what the San Diego Miata Club believes elevates the Fun Factor of driving. Food and drink will be available at the event.

Because this is an SCCA sanctioned event, the registration fee will include insurance for each participant. All SCCA safety requirements will be met at the event. SCCA approved helmets are required, but some loaners will be available. Spectators are welcome.

SEARCH FOR MADONNA 2004

May 1-3, 2004
Madonna Inn, San Luis Obispo,
(800) 543-9666
Saturday through Monday

In order to be a 2004 Searcher there is little to do. If you want to be able to get the room you want at the Madonna Inn, go to www.madonnainn.com and look through the rooms. Make your selection(s) and call Barbara in group reservations, and she will see that you are included in the group. Be prepared with more than one room choice, just in case your first choice is already taken.

OCTOBER REGIONAL

VIVA MAZDA! ALL-MAZDA NATIONAL EVENT

October 2-5
Las Vegas, Nevada

This historic event marks the first time all Mazda models will come together at a national event, combining their people power and resources to make for a spectacular car show as well as track event. It will be great to have a large group of RX-8 owners there as the newest Mazda model. Ticket price: \$140/person. The event will include a lavish kick-off party and buffet dinner with entertainment on Thursday, poker runs, a live concert by Al Jardine (founding member of The Beach Boys) and his band, and banquet awards brunch. Track events at Las Vegas Motor Speedway will be \$35 extra. Purchase tickets and keep track of updates to the event online at:

www.mazdaevents.com/vivamazda

Call Tuscany Hotel-Casino for room reservations (877) 887-2261. Rates are \$60/night for Thursday and \$90/night for Friday and Saturday-Reservation Code is MAZDA EVENTS.

Caravans from San Diego are being arranged. Please contact Steve Waid at swaid@cox.net for details.



MEMBER PROFILE

Scott Swanson gets paid to fly up high on reconnaissance missions or low above the tree tops in helicopters. But he gets his zoom-zoom on the ground from his '99 Emerald Green Leather.

What Scott likes about driving his Miata is touring the twisties and turnies. "It's a hoot," he says. To make it even more of a hoot, he has modified his suspension since acquiring the car in June of last year. He put on Kesler chassis braces, larger sway bars and Koni shocks, as well as an Autopower roll bar, slotted rotors, induction system and enhanced the interior with an improved sound system.

"I wanted a roadster primarily for transportation, not a project", says Scott, "but I do enjoy working on it and taking part in the Miata Club runs." Scott also tried the track days at Willow Springs, and said "that was truly outstanding--I learned a lot by driving there."

He became a Miata owner strictly by chance, but has jumped in with both feet and hands since. He had just come home in June of

'02 from a tour in support of operation ENDURING FREEDOM and was enjoying some leave in the local area. He happened to see a Miata in a lot, took a top-down test drive, made a "ridiculously low offer", and went home to hear the phone ring and a voice saying "you've bought a Miata."

He then found us by surfing the net for Miata news, went to a meeting and became hooked on SDMC. He since has enjoyed the drive in movie, Puke-O-Rama, MDA and several impromptu runs.

This is his second roadster. His first was a '73 TR6 in Florida, but then Hurricane Opal came through and he found the car full of water up to the steering wheel. "The insurance company took over after that," he says.

An Air Force pilot for 16 years, he is now working with special reconnaissance assets and splits his time between San Diego and the Edwards AFB complex. While stationed in Florida as part of the Air Force Special Operations Command, he was in the 55th Special Operations Squadron flying the MH-60G PAVEHAWK. The 55th was a sister unit of the late

brother of Editor Emeritus II Anthony Wilde, and "we routinely flew deployments and exercises together with the 160th SOAR."

Scott earned his private pilot's license the same week after graduating from high school, completed ROTC training at University of Minnesota and flight training at Fort Rucker in Alabama.

Scott feels his Miata is a double plus, as it reliably gets him where he needs to go, and also is "a hoot" to drive. Which is what most of us also feel.

-TOM SPRAGUE

Editor's note: 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 to see your face. Your photo will be returned.



Scott and his Miata:
What Scott Swanson likes about driving his Miata is touring the twisties and turnies. "It's a hoot," he says.



2ND ANNUAL LEWIS LUAU

Aloha, from Hamulaii (Jamul + Hawaii, work with me here!). Every year DEBBYE and I try to turn our property and home into an Hawaiian paradise, and, with the possible exception of our #%!*? dirt road, we were successful in reproducing the sights, sounds and tastes of Hawaii.

The Luau is a lot of work, (ok...I admit to being a details freak.) But the result is a dynamite time by all. Luau highlights include hand painted tiki masks, thatched roof tiki hut, erupting volcano, (not to be mistaken for a ham on fire), authentic dug out canoes (ok...they were plastic kayaks) used for drink coolers, tiki torches, swaying palm trees and an authentic Hawaiian hula show. The "taste" side of the evening, cooked by Debbye, included Huli Huli Chicken, Kaluha Pork, Poi (yum), Hawaiian Sweet Potatoes, Luau Rice, and Huli Salad. For dessert, Pineapple Cheesecake and Halpia, and, of course, my signature wine bar.



PHOTO: TOM WOOD

The hula show was a hit. This local Jamul hula group is very good! Once again several club members were asked to come up and dance with the girls and make fools of themselves, with yours truly being the biggest fool of all!

Special thanks go out to JIM AND LAURIE PATTON, SHAR DIRKOVITCH, STEVE AND PAULA KENNISON, BARBARA TEMPLETON, DUSTIN LEWIS AND SUE HINKLE for all their help. Thank You! Thanks to all for coming all the way out to our home for a great evening of friends, food, and fun.

Bruce and Debbye Lewis

AUTOCROSS RESULTS FROM AUG 3, 2003



1st	Scott Lewis	ES
1st	Larry Dennstedt	MI Aardvark
2nd	JT Holland	IS2
5th	Michael Heinitz	IS2
8th	Jeff King	CS
8th	Steve Waid	IS2
8th	Howard Kusminski	SU
9th	Steve Kennison	IS2
10th	Joe Moore	ES
10th	Elliot Shev	IS2
15th	Leo Daily	IS2
22nd	Jim Sanders	SU

AUTOCROSS RESULTS FROM AUGUST 31, 2003



1st	Larry Dennstedt	M1 Aardvark
1st	JT Holland	IS2
3rd	Brian Goodwin	IS2
4th	Kevin Haywood	IS2
5th	JD Lima	IS2
7th	Steve Waid	IS2
8th	Elliot Shev	IS2
9th	Steve Kennison	IS2
10th	Leo Daily	IS2
11th	Jeff King	CS



MOON OVER MIATAS

A few weeks ago the Fun Team met to discuss ideas for upcoming events. STEVE WAID said he thought a night time drive through the desert, with a full moon overhead, would be fun and something the club hadn't done before. LAURIE WAID went to the computer and researched upcoming moon rises. The Moon over Miatas event was planned for September 13 and the starting time was set to coincide with the rising of the moon. We would be driving down Banner Grade just as the moon made its appearance in the Eastern night sky.

More than 40 Miatas met at the Julian High School parking lot for an 8:45 PM departure down twisty route 78 with a right turn on to route S2 and a memorable drive in the desert, with the full moon leading the way. Stars were plentiful. Mars was shining in all its glory and the moon cast a slightly yellow appearance to the gleeful delight of our run leaders, Steve and Laurie.

When we left Julian the temperature was in the mid sixties. As we drove toward Ocotillo, MARK BOOTH and TOM THOMPSON kept us informed as the temperature climbed more than 30 degrees into the seventies, then eighties and topped out at 95 degrees before receding back into the sixties when we stopped at the Buckman Springs rest area.

Not too many night critters were encountered as the night temperatures were still pretty warm. However, we did see many remnants of the recent flash floods that left sand deposits across the highway. During the drive on S2, we all pulled over to the shoulder, turned off our headlights and looked at the desert landscape and night sky illuminated by the full moon. It was the shortest (5 minute) camping trip I've ever been on.

In the course of the evening, we had the moon on our left and right, leading us from in front as we headed to I-8 and then pushing us from the rear as we headed back toward San Diego and the lights of the city. It was a great evening. Lots of friendly chatter on the CB's. Several first time SDMC members joined us and some folks that we haven't seen for a while also participated.

Mark your calendars for next September when Moon over Miatas II shines down again on a two mile long procession of headlights along the deserts highways.

- Jack diLustro

SOCALM'S BEST OF THE BUNCH



Having returned from the Best of the Bunch IV with a bunch of raffle prizes, we marveled at how well SDMC members had fared once again.

Major trophy winners were:

Best Appearance Package	Donna Sinkway
The People's Choice Award	Laurie Waid
Best M-1	Stef Gould
Best M2	Marna Wood
2nd Pl Street Performance Pkg	Wally Stevens

In the Best of year category:

Best 1993	Les Smith
Best 1999	Art Hamilton
2nd Best 2000	Tom Wood
2nd Best 2001	Tom Thompson
Best 2002	Steve Waid
2nd Best 2002	Roz & Gary Scott
Best 2003	Jan Wagner
Rogaine award for baldest tires	Steve Waid



BATMOBILE SHOWED UP! Photo by REINER MUELLER



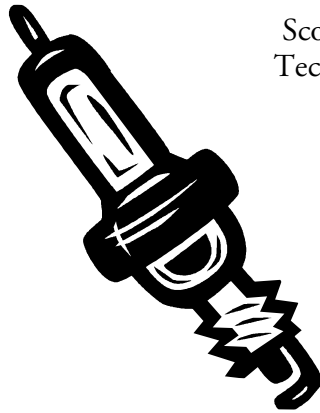
I recently read a few e-mails about the Viva Mazda Viva Las Vegas trip and Track Day event regarding the vehicle tech form that will be required before a vehicle would be allowed on the track. I have heard that there was a Tech Safety form that must be filled out by a qualified mechanic and presented to the track officials to gain entry. I imagine the form would request an overall inspection of the vehicle's suspension, brakes, tires, electrical, safety devices, and all fluid levels. What a great idea! For anyone, not just those who would like to attend a track event.

Depending on the area you may live in the county, there are local businesses listed in every newsletter that can help with such a request for an inexpensive price. In my case, I took my '90 Miata to Dennstedt's Auto Repair recently to have a "Check Up" done before a trip to Willow Springs Raceway for a track event. Larry and Rocky found a few minor problems on my Miata that were easily fixed with the turn of a wrench and the twist of a screwdriver. These shops know what to look for.

What I'm trying to say is that you don't need to be a track day junkie or an autocross racer to have your Miata checked by one of these local shops. Although there are many Miatas in our club that are still under factory warranty for such service, the older models are prime candidates for a slightly loose chassis bolt or exhaust flange bolt, just to name a couple.

The Miata is a very well built car that has proven itself year after year as an exceptionally well handling sports car on a mountain road or on a racetrack, as long as it is well

cared for. Spend some time in one of these shops with your car and the mechanic. The conversation and price are both worth the trip.



Scott Lewis
Tech Editor

DOWNLOAD INSTRUCTIONS FOR SDMC MEMBERSHIP LIST

Currently we have 343 memberships of which 23 did NOT have an e-mail account listed. This means that ~94% have access to the Internet. Part of this capability allows you, as a club member, access to Yahoo groups. What's so special about Yahoo Groups? This gives us access to all the SDMC email, photo catalogs, and list information. On this site we offer club members a membership list that includes, name (both member and SO), phone number (this field is blank if you request it), car year, car color, license plate, and home city (NOT address or zip). This information is available to SDMC members ONLY! To access this information you MUST acquire (FREE!) a Yahoo Group account. Once you have this account setup do this:

1. Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/> (on left, top of screen you will see sign in section, logon here with name and password) note; most browsers will allow you to save this

location with your password and login name. Bookmark this location and everything will be automatic after this point in time.

2. In the upper left corner you will see a section that says "My Groups." Put your cursor on SDMC-LIST and single click the left mouse button.

3. You are now on our group site. You can get to email, photos and other sources. In this case, look in the upper left section and place your cursor over "Database" and single click.

4. You are now in the Database section and you will see a list of available club databases. Single click on the desired database (most current as of this instruction is "July 2003 SDMC Membership Roster.")

5. You are now in the database and you will see a list of all club members. To sort (alphabetize by last name), single click on the field labeled "Last Name." You can sort on any other field you desire.

6. To print; single click on "Printable Report." On your browser go to "File" (upper left corner) and single click. This will drop a pull down menu of file functions. Near the bottom of the drop down menu you will see "Print." Single click this command.

7. A print menu will pop up giving you access to your printer controls (this presupposes that you have a printer hooked up to your computer).

Once your printer is configured to your liking, single click on the "OK" or "Print" button.

8. WALA! Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich! (you have to know Sesame Street to get this joke) you now have 17 (or so) pages of the SDMC Membership Roster.

-STEVEN KENNISON
President



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. Send to:
newsletter@sandiegomiataclub.org

For Sale: Well-maintained, adult-driven '99 "Leather" package is up for sale. 50k miles, brilliant black/tan leather, very good condition - always garaged, frequent oil changes and other maintenance. Jackson Racing supercharger plus JR water injection system for good low end torque and no ping on our 91 octane gas. Torsen limited slip, Newer top, Bose audio, Autopower powder coated roll bar, high end alarm. All options except ABS and auto (sorry). Sold by original (grandfather) owner. Power/weight ratio same as Porsche Boxster (not the S) and you get a glass rear window. And more. Quick, economical, safe and FUN! Asking \$13,500. Al (858) 481-1426
al@criqui.net

For Sale: 2003 Miata LS, 5K mi, xclnt cond, garnet exterior, tan interior and top, wood trim dash kit added. Job changes force sale. \$21K/obo. Dale Thompson (858) 481-5088
dthompson1@san.rr.com

For Sale: 1999 and newer Like-New items

- sway bars front 1" and rear 5/8" Brain storm
 - muffler Brainstorm mellow sound /not loud
 - KYB AGX shocks-4 aprox 20k miles
 - slotted and cross drilled rotors for 2002 and "sport set ups" (front is 10 5/8" dia.)
 - H&R springs front and rear
- Dennstedt Mon-Fri 8am-5pm 619-284-4911

For Sale: Loss of my '95 forces sale of the following items. Locking lug nut set from dealer: \$15, Coast "Sunbrella" Car Cover for M1; bright blue color, used 8 mos, warranty until 4/2/07: \$130, Cable & lock set for car cover: \$4, '90-95 Tan Interior Light Kit: \$10 (I do not have the instructions anymore), Tan "Miata" floor mats for M1: \$20, (2) Black Visor Plate Covers (used 4 mos): \$10, Factory console insert \$10, Factory ordered Black cup holder console insert \$10, (2) Black Sheepskin Fitted Seat Covers \$85, Black Basic Hard Top Cart (used 3 mos): \$45, Grey poly/cotton Hard Top Storage

Cover (used 3 mos): \$20, Tan Vinyl Boot for '90-97 models with plastic windows: \$125, Windscreen-specially made by Jim's Auto Upholstery for the '99 Hard Dog Hard Bar Sport with Double Diagonals (used 3 mos): \$75, Trunk Shield: \$5, Premium Black "Miata" trunk Mats, used 2 mos: \$50, Perma Gas Cap: \$3, Gas Bib: \$3, Touch-up Paint, "Montego Blue" (never used) \$2, Zymol Vinyl conditioner, new: \$15, Meguiar's Mirror Glaze Vinyl and Rubber Cleaner/Conditioner (new): \$10, Meguiar's Gold Class Rich Leather Cleaner/Conditioner (new) \$10, Meguiar's Cleaner-wax bottle, new: \$7, Meguiar's Quik Wax bottle, new: \$7, Meguiar's Quik Detailer bottle, new: \$7. Marcia, (858) 481-4004 or (760) 613-6666.

For Sale: Set of 16-inch, 5-spoke alloy wheels for Miata MX-5 2001. In very good shape, not perfect. Set for \$100. Blane, (760) 739-5423

For Sale: '92 Miata. Automatic, A/C, powersteering, ABS, power windows, Fosgate CD player (faceoff), leather seats w/speakers, premium molded dash system, 4 point rollbar, BBS wheels, chrome accented engine components, adjustable shocks, colgan bra and mirror covers, and a custom car cover. Must see to appreciate! \$5,500 OBO. Sebastian, (619) 275-7100, (619) 269-1118 or
sebastian@coastcarcovers.com.

For Sale: Road Bike 25 inch (63.5 cm)—700 25C tires. Helmet, 2 pair shoes, clothing, bike stand, cyclo computer. \$250 OBO. Len Garth, (760) 726-3814

For Sale: Five-speed gearbox & differential (with prop shaft and axles) from a '91 with 125K miles. \$275 each or \$500 both. MK1 Tan full tonneau cover, as new—\$150. Help me clean out the basement. Rick, (619) 702-8077

For Sale: Monster Motors roll bar. Still in wrapper. Wrecked my car before I installed it and it won't work with the glass window in my new one. \$190. Lolita, (858) 245-7749

Free: Four (4) Factory alloy wheels from 1993 Miata. Wheels in good condition, straight, no major scratches. Center caps in perfect condition. Worn Dunlop SP8000 tires mounted. Still have steel wheels? Replace them now! Michael, (858) 481-1488 or
misc@DelMarMotorsports.com

Wanted: Anyone have a "Geri-bag" to sell? Rick, (619) 702-8077

For Sale: 1997 Miata. Weekend car that has always been garaged. Just 35,000 miles, Super Clean inside and out. 5-speed, Touring edition. \$9,900. Ken, (858) 689-2884 or speedbolt@netzero.com.

For Sale: Acrylic TC Windblocker—"rated best value, extremely effective, looks good" on Miata.net. For M2 Miatas. Worked great in my 2001 Miata for two months until I added a real rollbar, now it doesn't fit. Blocker, storage bag, mounts, installation instructions, \$75. Bud, (760) 439-8491.

For Sale: '92 Honda VFR750F motorcycle. One step down from a Miata. It's fast and it's black. With under 20K miles it looks almost new and runs like new. \$2300 is all I'm asking since it has a salvage title due to a lay down. Can send photos via e-mail as well answer all questions. I've owned this bike since '92. Tom (619) 303-3062 or rodneyst56@cox.net

For Sale: Carpeting, floor mats, door panels, and tan trim pieces, from a '96 with 32,000 miles on it. Also have 94 1.8 liter engine, transmission, body and mechanical parts from '90, '92, '94, & '96. Wally, (619) 232-2801 ext 313, 234-2858, or wallymiata@juno.com.

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

COAST CAR COVERS

1229 Morena Blvd
San Diego, CA. 92110
(800) 231-5180
(619) 275-7100

In the September newsletter, a sponsor of the 7th Annual Miles Of Miatas For MDA was inadvertently left out. I would like to thank Bruce and Leigh Harmer of Coast Car Covers for their generous donation of a new cockpit cover to this year's event.

Dustin Lewis
MDA Event Chairman, 2003
Historian, SDMC



LOCAL BUSINESS DISCOUNTS

The following businesses have agreed to offer SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB members a substantial discount on parts and labor. The club does not endorse any vendors. To receive your discount, simply present a current SDMC membership card at the time of your purchase or service.

Al & Ed's Auto Sound, Car alarms too!
3740 Rosecrans Street, San Diego
(619) 682-3800 11608 Carmel Mtn. Rd, S D
(858) 675-2000 Discount: 14%

Alarm 2000,
Home alarm systems & monitoring.
3163 Ash Street, San Diego (619) 221-0948
Discount: 2 months free monitoring/new contract. Contact: Buffy Hergenrader,
buffy@iopener.net

Allen's Wrench
Mazda Master Technician
1620 Grand Ave, San Marcos (760) 744-1192
Discount: 10% (except oil changes)

American Battery
Miata batteries & all other batteries
525 W Washington, Escondido (760) 746-8010
Discount: Fleet discount on all products
Contact: Jeff Hartmayer

Brakewerks.com, Axxis Ultimate, Cobalt Friction, Ferodo, Hawk, Pagid, and Performance Friction braking products. ATE brake fluids. Ed Hannigan, ehannigan@adelphia.net
(760) 473-4055 Discount: 15% on Axxis Ultimate products, special pricing on other products.

Bumper Express, Seamless repair of bumpers and other exterior plastic parts. Work done at the shop or a mobile truck will come to you.
9630 Black Mountain Road, Suite J, off Miramar Road). Discount: 20%; Toll free (877) 228-6737
www.bumperexpress.com

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Car covers, cockpit covers
1229 Morena Blvd., S D (619) 275-7100
Discount: Wholesale price

Dent Man, Mobile, paintless dent removal
(800) 965-5475
Discount: 15%; ask for Betty or Mike

Express Tire, *Auto repair, tires.*
12619 Poway Road, Poway, (858)748-6330
Manager: David Dolan Discount: 10% on parts and labor, including tires.

Good-Win Racing LLC,
Miata performance products including shocks, springs, exhausts, light alloy wheels & everything from Racing Beat, Moss Motors, & Jackson Racing. www.good-win-racing.com
(858) 775-6259 or FAX (858) 270-3268
Discount: Special Club Price on Everything

Just Dings Ltd., Paintless door ding removal
3747 Convoy Street, San Diego
(858) 569-3464 Discount: 10%

Kesler Customs, Miata Chassis Braces, Adjustable Dead Pedals, Hide-a-way License Plate Brackets. Installation of after market parts, fabrication and light welding.
Ted Kesler, (619) 421-8472
Discount: Special Club Prices

Larry Dennstedt's Auto Repair
4283 41st Street, San Diego (619) 284-4911
Discount: 10% on labor

Leucadia Auto Body
1508 N. Coast Hwy., Leucadia
(760) 634-1671
Discount: 10% on Parts and labor
Contact: Larry Sukay

Lutz Tire & Service,
Alignment specialist, tires
2853 Market Street, S D
(619) 232-2957 Ask for Mike
Discount: 10% on parts (tires not included)

Magnolia Auto Body Restorations, bodywork
8500 Ablette Road, Santee
(619) 562-7861 Ask for T.J.
Discount: 10% on labor and parts;

Porterfield Enterprises Ltd.
Brake pads, rotors
1767 Placentia Ave., Costa Mesa
(949) 548-4470
Discount: 15% off Porterfield & Hawk brake pads, \$10 off rotors, \$9 for Motul 600 brake fluid (1 pt).

Professional Car Care Prod. & Accessories
3582 Mount Acadia #E, SD
(858) 279-5772 Owner: Eddy Belter
Discount: 25% on wash, wax, or complete detail

Rosin & Associates, Attorneys at law
Accidents, insurance issues, general civil law.
Discount: 10% on attorneys fees.

No recovery, no fee. Contact: Anita D. Eoff-Rosin, (619) 543-9600

Smog Squad
3342 Rosecrans, S D (619) 223-8806
Discount: \$10 on smog tests
General Manager: Jose Munoz

Southern California Audio Labs,
Home theater installs, home automation, audio/video design soundz915@aol.com or
(760) 788-0066 Discount: 20%.
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Team Voodoo, Nearly-legendary shift knobs, brake grips, t-shirts, hats, floor mats, etc.
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Discount: 10% and NO SALES TAX

Thompson Automotive Products, Quick-Change Oil Filter Relocation kits. Take the hassle out of changing your oil. New options on hose and connectors. (949) 366-0322
Discount: 10% Details: tomata@cox.net
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Tri-City Paint,
Professional detailing products
Escondido (760) 747-3023 Miramar (858)
530-1666 National City (619) 477-8790
Santee (619) 448-9140
Discount: Body Shop Pricing #CM6660

Twin Oaks UNOCAL 76, oil changes, mechanical Factory trained Mazda technician
102 E. Carmel Street, San Marcos
(760) 752-7600 Contact: Larry Sukay
Discount: 15% on parts and labor

WheelStore,
Wheels, tires, suspension, alignment
208 S. Coast Hwy., Oceanside
(760) 967-1336 Discount: Competitive tire discount. \$10 off alignments

Mazda Dealerships:
Bell Road Mazda Phoenix (800) 765-5292
Ask for John Mardueno or Scott Moehn Discount: 20% off on Mazda parts/access.

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Discount: 15% on parts/labor (not including smog certification).

Westcott Mazda National City
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Discount: 10% on parts or labor

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