

# SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB NEWS



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## COMING EVENTS: SEE INSIDE FOR COMPLETE DETAILS!

Event	Date	What time	Where to Meet?
Valentines Day Planned Impromptu Run”	Saturday, Feb 14th	10 am	Westfield Shopping Town North County (old North County Fair)
SDMC Monthly Meeting	Thursday, Feb. 22	6:00 pm	Boll Weevil Restaurant, Clairemont Mesa Blvd.
SCAT Appreciation Run	Sunday, Feb 29 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	Dalton’s Restaurant, San Marcos
Puke-O-Rama 2004	Sunday, March 28 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	Dalton’s Restaurant, San Marcos



## Download Instructions SDMC Membership List

Currently approximately 94% of our members have access to the Internet. 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 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. Voila! you now have 17 (or so) pages of the SDMC Membership Roster.

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## 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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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:  
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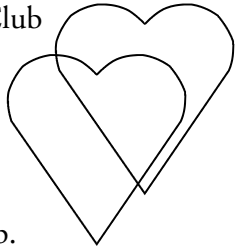
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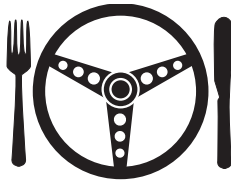


**Valentines Day  
Planned Impromptu Run”  
Saturday,  
February 14th**  
Run leaders: YOU!

10 am at North County Fair (now Westfield North County-Mall). Celebrate Valentines Day with your Miata Club friends and some fun Miata Driving. The route and destinations will be decided by those who show up.



**Monthly Meeting**  
Thurs, Feb. 26, 2004  
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!

**SCAT Appreciation Run**  
**Sunday, February 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Run leaders:  
Steve and Laurie Waid  
[swaid@cox.net](mailto:swaid@cox.net)

**Meet:** 10 am at Dalton's Roadhouse for Brunch. Dalton's is just North of Highway 78 on Nordahl, the first exit West of Interstate 15. Leaving time will be 11 am.

In appreciation for the efforts of the Southern California Auto-cross Team (SCAT) in putting together the Novice Drivers Training School for us in November, the Miata club has asked them "to come out and play." As you might guess, these guys and gals like to drive and eat too.

The run will take us onto some of the best roads in North County and maybe even into Riverside County. Plan on coming and enjoying the roads...the food...the company,



**Puke-O-Rama 2004**  
**Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Leaders: Steve and Laurie Waid,  
[swaid@cox.net](mailto:swaid@cox.net)



The launch of the seventh annual Puke will take place this year at Dalton's Roadhouse. Brunch will begin at 10 am

with the drivers meeting at 11 am. The design of the Puke is to place back to back, the twistiest roads that we can find, with the results being smiles on the faces of the drivers and a tendency to make the co-pilot's stomach a little unsettled.

Smaller groups of cars (10 to 15) with staggered starts enhances the fun. The "Daffodil Group" will again be led by the lovely Laurie Waid in her award winning Sunburst Yellow.

**Do you want to  
earn your magnetics?**  
Call Steve Waid at 760.432.0727  
or email [swaid@cox.net](mailto:swaid@cox.net)  
to find out what you can do  
to earn this special recognition.

**Search for Madonna 2004**  
**May 1st through 3rd**

For the 6th consecutive year, Miatas will travel to San Luis Obispo for lots of driving, great food, fellowship, car show, and of course the fabulous Madonna Inn. The Search is more than a great time with your Miata friends...it is an adventure. Just ask those who have been before. The unexpected is always expected.

To become a Searcher, merely go onto the Madonna Inn website at [www.madonnainn.com](http://www.madonnainn.com) and pick out a room by touring the 109 unique rooms. You'd better come up with your first, second, and third choices in case your first pick is already taken. Then call Barbara at group reservations, mention the San Diego Miata Club, and reserve your room for Saturday and Sunday nights. The last step is to call or email Steve Waid at (760) 432-0727 or email [swaid@cox.net](mailto:swaid@cox.net). Give him your room name and number, and the name(s) of the new Searchers. Then sit back and wait. The closer we get to May 1st, more information will be coming via the "secret" Search for Madonna email list. All questions can be answered by Steve Waid, but for the best information, just ask an "experienced Searcher". There are many, from all over California and Nevada, and even Texas and South Carolina!

Photo by Tom Wood



## FUTURE EVENT



### Cactus Cruisin' 2004

April 23-25, 2004

Time: All Day

Ben Cleaves from the Sahuaro Miata Club sent this announcement:

**We are pleased to announce our first regional event - Cactus Cruisin' 2004.**

**This event will take place on April 23 - 25 at the Chaparral Suites Resort in beautiful Scottsdale, Arizona.**

Please check out the web site at [www.cactuscruisin.com](http://www.cactuscruisin.com) for more complete information.

We would love to invite you and your fellow members of the San Diego Miata Club to come and participate in a great weekend in the Valley of the Sun. Some of the planned events include various fun runs around Phoenix, a great dinner at the famous Rawhide Old West town on Friday night, a road rally on Saturday, an inside vendor area, a great Mexican buffet at our banquet on Saturday night, and much more.

## SURF 'N' SAFARI PLANNERS—BY LES SMITH

DENNIS DIDIER AND LES SMITH accepted co-chair responsibilities of Surf 'N Safari '04 almost a year ago. The October 14-17 regional event is a sequel to the initial Surf 'N Safari in 1999 ... which neither of them attended! So, how can they oversee all that is involved in pulling off a dynamite sequel to such an acknowledged and memorable weekend five years ago? Well, first of all, you need a top-flight steering committee. That piece is in place, so let's meet the Surf 'N Safari '04 Steering Committee.



### PAULA KENNISON—Registration & Finance

Paula's administrative and finance background is proving invaluable in the work of processing Surf 'N Safari '04 participants from the moment their registration applications through their arrival at Pala Mesa Resort – and beyond. Typically thought of as the “back room operation,” registration and finance are more like the submerged part of an iceberg; a system with lots of steps and a million details – and Paula is the one who will be tracking and monitoring this entire process.

You'll appreciate Paula's contribution to the Planning Committee when you register for Surf 'N Safari '04 – especially if you do it online. With the help of SDMC member Brian Kiehl, the SNS '04 web location is poised to launch a one-stop site for registration, reliving SNS '99, checking the participant list and other information. Just remember: there's a lot going on behind the scenes, and Paula is helping assure this part of the show is seamless.

### STEVE WAID— Events

If you can think of any Miata event as a technical-social equation, Steve Waid is a master at assuring these two components are properly balanced. Technical details are easy -- what, where, when, etc. – but it's the social elements of an outing that you remember most! The fun and fellowship (including the food) that keeps drawing us together; the recollections, insights and other stuff on which he can elaborate that makes his portion of the monthly meeting so lengthy!

Steve is responsible for designing the heart of Surf 'N Safari '04: runs, tours, rallies, fun events like Grime & Shine, technical clinics – all of that which will attract its participants to Pala Mesa Resort. But can you think of a better-suited person for the job? He has a wide range of interests to satisfy, and the schedule may resemble a three-ring circus at times.

Steve will also be working his magic in coordinating the biggest chunk of volunteer assistance this event will require. With events running continuously and sometimes overlapping throughout the four-day weekend, expect a request him or one of his committee members to lend a hand at some point.

### SUE HINKLE— Vendors/Sponsorships/Regalia

Check a dictionary for the definition of “high energy” and you'll likely see a picture of Sue Hinkle there. What a cheerleader! Sue's background in event and promotion management is again one of the driving forces helping to shape Surf 'N Safari '04; a “been there/done that/got the t-shirt” background perfectly suited to drawing the Miata business community into this event.

Sue has helped manage and participate in a broad range of events – experiences from which she can spot great ideas and adapt them to new situations. Throw out a need and you can see her mind click into gear almost immediately ... and the ideas just start pouring out. Sue is nothing less than a master chef in mixing the “Best of” Surf 'N Safari '99 – the elements that

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## SURFERS, KOOKS, HODADS, GREMMIES AND WAHINES!

Get ready to wax up your surfboards and gas up the Miatas 'cuz we're heading to the biggest event in the Western United States. That's right, it's gettin' close to the time for the super cool Surf 'N' Safari '04.

What have we got planned?  
Check it out Dude!

- ➔ Thursday Night Reception (No hosts bar)
- ➔ Miata Road Fun Runs & Activities - Friday
- ➔ Friday Night Dinner Fiesta (with entertainment)
- ➔ Surf 'N' Safari Murder Mystery Rallye - Saturday
- ➔ Saturday Night Banquet Dinner (with entertainment)
- ➔ Show and Shine/Show and Grime Car Show - Sunday
- ➔ Special presentations, demonstrations and displays
- ➔ Raffle prizes, Door prizes and Surf prizes!
- ➔ Vendor Mall - Entire Event

So "Bennie", ya wanna know what the inside break is on this hot session? Well here it is:

**SURF 'N' SAFARI '04**  
**Exclusive Miata Getaway**  
**October 14-16, 2004**  
**Pala Mesa Resort**  
**Registration: \$150 per person**  
**After July 1, 2004:**  
**\$170 per person**

Registration Closes  
September 1, 2004



Yo Dude! You will need to book your hotel reservation separately

### Hotel -

The host hotel is the  
Pala Mesa Resort  
2001 Old Highway 395  
Fallbrook, CA, 92028  
(www.palamesa.com).

Rooms start at \$120 per night (and can be reserved at this special rate for a few days before and after the event if you wish an extended stay). Room rates good until Sept. 13, 2004.

For reservations call: (800) 722-4700 or (760) 728-5881 and ask for the San Diego Miata Club Event Special room rate.

Email [reservations@palamesa.com](mailto:reservations@palamesa.com).  
You say you want some more information? Kool! Here it is.  
Please see our website:  
[www.SanDiegoMiataClub.org/surf.html](http://www.SanDiegoMiataClub.org/surf.html)

or contact our registrar  
Paula Kennison, (858) 271-8498  
Or email at [SNS04@san.rr.com](mailto:SNS04@san.rr.com).

So "drop-in" to San Diego where you can "carve" some really hot roads and "rip" through some really fun events. Don't be a "wannabe" cuz "DUDE! It's going OFF!"

still excite participants from that regional five years ago -- with new and fresh ideas that will again distinguish SNS '04 as another "must repeat" project.

Sue's Vendor Mall continues to grow as Miata business owners give thumbs-up responses to the vision she is marketing. Now her sights are set on arranging the sponsorships necessary to help underwrite SNS '04 expenses.

### BARB TEMPLETON - Facilities & Hospitality

Barb found the home for Surf 'N' Safari '04 right in her own back yard and practically delivered Pala Mesa Resort to the Planning Committee in a gift-wrapped basket. It took only

one visit there by committee members to make up our minds. Barb functions as our liaison with Pala Mesa, drafting a contract that can guarantee use of the resort by SNS '04 participants, arranging the evening reception and banquet, and following-up on the myriad of details in housing the expected 350+ guests plus vendors to this site. A lot of "what you see" when you arrive at Surf 'N' Safari '04 will be the result of Barb Templeton's efforts and the committee members she oversees.

### STEVE KENNISON - SDMC Board Liaison

The Planning Committee is executing Surf 'N' Safari '04 under the auspices of SDMC President Steve

Kennison is our official link to the club's Executive Board. He was instrumental in selecting the committee's membership, assuring the availability of club resources for the project, and reporting our actions and status to the board and entire organization.

Steve is helping assure that the broad purpose, interests and goals of the San Diego Miata Club are reflected in Surf 'N' Safari '04; a "big picture" role that keeps everyone and everything headed in the right direction. His input is a major guarantee that Surf 'N' Safari '04 will meet and exceed the expectations of all who participate.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—BY STEVE KENNISON

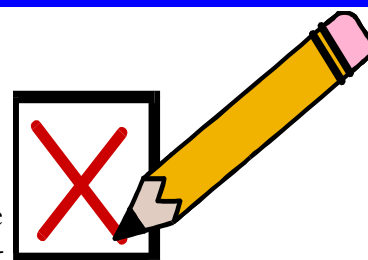
It's getting close to that time of year when the club membership decides on the leadership of our club. You will be reading this in the February issue of the SDMC newsletter. Since our club Fiscal year is in April this should give everybody two months to think about the issues.

As most of you know I am a strong advocate of volunteerism. Without volunteers to run the club, we would not have a club. It's all of you that make this club zoom and do it extremely well. I would like to continue promoting volunteerism in our club by encouraging anybody that's interested in running for an office to do so. As we have done in the past I encourage you to think about how this club is run and what you can contribute to its well-being. If you do decide to run for an Executive

Board office I would encourage you to submit a brief biography to the newsletter editor, Eunice Bauman (newsletter@sandiegomiataclub.org). You will have to make sure that your bio reaches Eunice no later than 15 Feb 04 so it can be printed in the March newsletter. So don't delay, get your bio in and please mention what office you would like to run for. This will give the membership the opportunity to get to know you and some of your ideas for running the club.

Although this article is primarily meant to alert the membership to the Exec Board elections, I would also like to remind you that there are other volunteer positions that occasionally become available on the board. If you are interested in doing something for the club please let the Executive Board know what you

would like to do. When a vacancy arises we will contact you first.



Although we don't have an exact date for the meeting, we know it will be in April at the San Diego Automotive Museum. It's very important that everybody attend. Your choices dictate the future of our club. Your vote counts so come in and vote, and vote often. Please don't forget that IF you wish to run for an office you MUST be present at the Annual Meeting (SDMC bylaws).

Steve Kennison  
President San Diego Miata Club

## TECH DAY—JAN. 10, 2004—BY TOM SPRAGUE

### TECH DAY

**O**ur little machines are a lot perkier and a whole lot prettier after last month's tech day in Ramona.

More than four dozen cars were on site at one time or another during the day, hosted by Robin and Mike Faircloth in their wide open spaces. Cars lined up and down both sides of the street in addition to overflowing the five-car (two) garages and associated driveways. It was quite a sight.

Brakes, braces, and all sorts of other goodies were attached, and seats and mats were made sparkling clean, as well as the bodies of the assembled Miatas. We even had a bright yellow RX-8 and a family Volvo as part of the upgrading process.

Members helping members was the theme of the activity, as it is with every tech day. Several of the attendees were at their first SDMC event who came by just to see what we are all about. They went away raving about not only what they accomplished, but the friendly manner in which their new found friends helped out.

The weather was just as gorgeous as the cars, as temperatures of 70 plus under blue skies brought out the obligatory recollections by members of years past on the East Coast. It was simply an outstanding day.



SJVMC  
St. Patrick's Day  
Charity Poker Run



When: Saturday,  
March 20, 2004  
Where: Clovis Cole Hotel -  
Clovis, CA  
Base Cost: \$45.00 per car  
Contact:  
Greg or Ro Almeida  
(Event Coordinators)  
Tel: 559-322-1575  
Email: l@hotmail.com  
Web Site: www.sjvmc.net

You're invited to join the  
San Joaquin Valley  
Miata Club  
for it's 10th Annual  
St. Patrick's Day Poker Run.  
This event has become a Miata tradi-  
tion here  
in the Central Valley  
and every year we are proud  
to donate the net proceeds  
to local charities.  
We look forward to your  
support and participation.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR! LOOK BACK AT 2003—PHOTOS BY TOM WOOD**



OUR TALENTED MEMBERS!

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN  
THIS YEAR—  
AND CHECK OUT THESE PHOTO  
MOMENTS FROM 2003...



**PUKE A RAMA  
2003**



**MOUNT LAGUNA—TWILIGHT RUN 2003**



## Removing Miata Front Tie-Down Hooks

Some of you may have noticed at the last Tech Day that I was helping another member remove his front tie-down hooks (baby teeth). It was a tight squeeze on the M2, but easily accomplished once Judy quit digging in my pockets for money to pay the carpet cleaner guys. When I tackled my M1, it was much easier. The front tie-down hooks (sometimes called tow hooks), are NOT meant for towing but are properly called *tie-down* hooks. They are used only for shipping the Miata - first from overseas and then aboard a car hauler to the dealer. The dealers should probably remove them as part of the prep work - but they don't. If they are ever used by a tow truck operator to tow your Miata it will cause severe damage to the nose of your Miata. Of course the operator is not responsible for any damage and their mistake will cost you some big bucks. If you ask the dealer to remove the tie-downs during a regular service visit they will usually do it free of charge.

### General Cautions

1) *This job is more tedious than difficult, so expect it to take longer than you imagined—especially if you've performed the same operation on an M1.*

2) *If you have large-sized hands, you're in trouble. The working space is very tight.*

3) *Lay a couple layers of towel on the bottom of the grill opening to protect the paint when you drop a tool.*

4) *The fins on the radiator are sharp and easily bent, so if you're going to slip and hit something with your hand, slip in a direction away from the radiator!*

5) *Unless you have 14mm tools, don't try this job. 9/16" wrenches and sockets won't work and you'll just round off the bolts.*

6) *If your Miata has air-conditioning, watch out for the alc plumbing on the passenger side.*

### For the '99+ (M2) Models

*Tools needed: 14mm open end wrench and/or socket set, 6" extension, a 3" extension, a universal joint. You may want to use a 1/2" drive for more leverage.*

You can keep your car on the ground, but ramps were very helpful. Each of the hooks has three bolts—two in front and one in back; all have 14 mm heads. Fortunately, in most of the cases we've seen the bolts are not torqued to very high values, so they should be easy to break loose. However, the threads are fine enough so that removing the bolts with your fingers is out of the question until they're almost all of the way out. And, since the threaded portion of the bolts is about 7/8", you may feel like you're unscrewing each one for close to forever.

The two front bolts are easy to reach, but they're a real pain to turn out because the room for swinging the wrench is so limited. Start with the "inside" bolt on each side. Use a 14mm open-end

### NOTE ...

The drivers side rear bolt was very difficult to get to. Remove the 10 or so screws that hold the PLASTIC splashguard in place so that you can lower the FRONT ONLY of the plastic to get up to the bolt. The rear tie-downs are welded on and are, for all practical purposes, not removable.

wrench and a 14mm box-end wrench, alternating between the two. When you can't swing one of the wrenches far enough to turn it over, grab the bolt and swing it again. You may only be able to turn the bolt about a 1/4 turn with each throw. You'll know when each bolt is ready to come out (the last thread or two), because it will finally turn with very little resistance. Grab it with your fingers if you can, so it doesn't fall and damage something. Otherwise, the lock washer and the larger washer will keep the bolt from falling off your wrench when you carefully pull them both out.

The rear bolt on each side is even easier to remove—if you have the right combination of tools: a ratchet attached to a 6" extension, a 3" extension, a universal joint, and a 14mm socket. You can fish your socket wrench assembly up from underneath the car on both sides through holes behind the black air dam and near the ends of the radiator.

Using a universal joint will allow you to angle the socket assembly toward each bolt and still get a square fit on the bolt with the socket. (If your universal joint is loose and keeps flopping over, you can run a strip of tape lightly around the center of it to limit its movement.) Once you've grabbed the bolts on either side, it's easy to turn them out. Remember to hold the tie-down hook with your other hand so it doesn't crash down and damage whatever's underneath it when the bolt is free. You might want to prime, paint or rustproof the threaded holes in the car's frame that now are open and exposed to the elements or perhaps even put the bolt back in.

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## HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT MAZDA REV IT UP?

Some of you may have noticed Scott Lewis' email post regarding Mazda's Rev It Up. Last year, Scott participated in the Finals for Rev It Up and had a wonderful weekend at Laguna Seca.

This year, Mazda Rev It Up will be in San Diego on March 20-21. You can go to the website [www.mazdarevitup.com](http://www.mazdarevitup.com) and see for yourself some of the most exciting car-oriented things you can look forward to at Rev It Up.

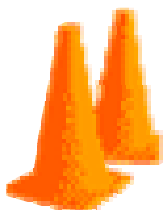
The Mazda Rev It Up experience has won numerous awards in the advertising/events industry as the premier driving event of the year—well put together, enjoyable and inexpensive for the participant. Check out the website and see the action! Then sign up online and get ready to have a terrific time!



### For 90-'97 (M1) Models

*Tools needed: 14mm and 10mm open end wrenches and/or socket set.*

Some of the advice/instructions given on page 8 can apply. But in general the hooks on the '90-'97 models are a bit easier to remove. First you will need to remove the front tie down hooks (sometimes called tow hooks, however these are NOT meant for towing but are properly called *tie-down* hooks). This is done with a 14mm open end wrench or if you have the room to work, a 14mm socket & ratchet set. Simply remove the three bolts that hold the



## AUTO CROSS RESULTS

Year-end autocross results are available on Yahoo:  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sdr-scat/files/>

Congratulations for these winners:

Larry Dennstedt, 1st place, M1

JT Holland, 1st place, IS2

Scott Lewis, 3rd place, ES

Jan Wagners, 3rd place, C stock

Carol Schwartz, 4th place, C stock

Michael Heinitz, 4th place, IS2

Steve Waid, 5th place, IS2

Howard Kuzminski, 5th place, SU

Steve Kennison, 6th place, IS2



### AUTOCROSS RESULTS FOR OCT. 5TH

JT Bob Holland 1st

Scott Lewis 1st

Michael Heinitz 2nd

Brian Goodwin 2nd

Mara Calter 2nd (CRX)

Larry Dennstedt 4th (Miata)

Don Bair 5th (Miata)

Kevin Haywood 6th

JD Lima 7th

Jeff King 12th

### AUTOCROSS RESULTS FOR NOV. 8TH

Larry Dennstedt 1st Aardvark  
(Top Time of the Day!)

Mara Calter 1st (CRX)

Brian Goodwin 1st

Scott Lewis 3rd

Steve Kennison 4th

Steve Waid 5th

Don Bair 5th Aardvark

Bruce Stanley 10th

tie-down hook in place. (Note: after the hook is removed you may want to replace the bolt, so that if you ever need to transport your Miata and want to use the tie-down hooks, dirt won't have collected in the empty bolt holes.) Both years have hooks in the rear but they are welded in so they can't be removed without a blow torch.

### Alternate Method

Some can not figure out how to remove the tie down bolts using the above method. Some people find that the best way is to remove the 12 or so small screws that hold on

the front plastic splash guards in place.

Once the guards are removed it

is fairly easy to get at the bolts. There isn't enough clearance to do that without getting the front of the car off the ground. If you don't have ramps, jack up the front end and rest the front wheels on a couple of 2 x 4's laid flat on the floor. This gives enough clearance to remove the number of splash guard screws.



**NEW MEMBERS**

Welcome to our newest members (since last newsletter):

Christie Bonilla  
Escondido  
1991 White

Ed & Mari Henderson, Jr  
San Diego  
2001 Emerald Green

Rick Manley  
San Diego  
2002 White LS

Mark & Karen Thompson  
Poway  
2003 Garnet

Thomas & Joyce Tratar  
San Diego  
1990 White A

**RENEWING MEMBERS**  
*(SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER):*

Gary & Betty Butterfield  
Thomas T. Chan  
Chauncy Christopher  
Steve & Karen Diffenbacher  
Monique & Thomas Dijkstra  
Larry Ellis  
Marcia J. Doht  
Alan & Debbie Elster  
Koren & Scott Emerson  
Jack & JoAnn Frater  
Scott & Chris Graves  
Anne C. Henry  
Lee Kerl  
David & Leanne Lynn  
Chris & Hilary MacPhail  
Allan & Linda Pabian  
Sue & Randy Patterson  
Dawn Pedersen  
Jeff Ridenour  
Dyanna & Les Smith  
Patrick & Viona Van Hoose  
Bob & Kathy Welty

**MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS**

As of January 18, 2004,  
there are 338 memberships  
(128 single, 210 dual)  
and a total of 548 members.  
Memberships by Miata Color:

- 81 Red
- 53 White
- 38 Black
- 29 Silver
- 19 Emerald Green
- 14 BRG
- 13 Montego Blue
- 13 Yellow
- 11 Twilight Blue
- 11 Sapphire Blue
- 9 Mahogany
- 9 Mariner Blue
- 8 Marina Green
- 7 Titanium
- 7 Crystal Blue
- 6 Laguna Blue
- 6 Garnet
- 5 Midnight Blue
- 4 Starlight Blue
- 3 Strato Blue
- 2 Merlot
- 1 Splash Green
- 1 Evolution Orange
- 1 Laser Blue
- 1 Teal (custom)
- 10 Unreported



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PENS,  
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CARABINEER KEY CHAINS,  
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Pick up your SDMC Regalia at the monthly meeting or e-mail the Regalia Gals for special requests. Something new is coming: details to follow. Watch your e-mail!

Contact the Regalia Gals  
VERONICA DIDIER &  
KATHY ROBERTS  
(858) 578-5727,  
[regalia@sandiegomiataclub.org](mailto:regalia@sandiegomiataclub.org).



**BADGES?**

*H*ave 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](mailto:vicky@teamvoodoo.com).



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**For Sale:** Scott Mountain Bike -- perfect condition - ridden less than 6 times.

\$200 OBO; 2 Phillips Portable CD Players with battery pack and chargers, never used, in original box. \$100.00 each; Recumbent Exercise Bike - like new, rarely used. For more information contact Sue Hinkle - [sportscarr@cox.net](mailto:sportscarr@cox.net) (760) 735-9456.

**For Sale:** 2002 Miata, xlnt cond, 5 speed manual, sunlight silver metallic, black interior with cloth sport seating. Extended Warranty: 84 months or 100,000 miles Car was purchased May 2002 Currently has 9k miles on it Paint & Interior Protection Warranty. Includes Sport Suspension Package: 16 inch alloy wheel w/locks 205/45R16 Radial Tires, Bilstein Shock Absorbers, Strut Tower Brace' Torsen Limited-Slip Differential. Such a fun car. Sad to see it go but we are moving so we have to sell it. \$18k/obo For more information call Dallas @ 619-528-0114 or [theklassenz@cox.net](mailto:theklassenz@cox.net)

**For Sale:** 1997 MAZDA MIATA - 5SPD, loaded, alarm, 35K Miles, All Original, Always garaged, Super Clean in & out. Great top & window, newer tires, \$7900.00, 858-689-2884 or [speedbolt@netzero.com](mailto:speedbolt@netzero.com).

**For Sale:** Six speed transmission complete with Torsen rear end, drive shaft and axels, \$1,500 as a package. This package from a 99 -10 AE will work in any year Miata. Also have 94 1.8 liter engine, transmission, body and mechanical parts from '90, '92, '94,

96 and a 99 10AE. Jackson header for a 94, a 1999 1.8 engine, transmissions, and various parts. Wally, (619) 232-2801 ext 313, 234-2858, or [wallymiata@juno.com](mailto:wallymiata@juno.com)

**For Sale:** Parts from my '91 with 125K Miles, Strong Engine, 5-Speed Gear Box & Differential (With Prop Shaft & Axles) - Call for Details-Rick 619-702-8077 or e-mail [maigaberzins@aol.com](mailto:maigaberzins@aol.com)

**For Sale:** for 2000 Miata: New Miata Bra \$100. (sells new for \$175.00). Stock tan wind screen-flip up type. 75.00 OTM stuff: "TeeBack.com" Motorcycle trailer, much chrome--hauled 1,000 pounds of Harley Davidson behind her Miata to Las Vegas. \$1300.00 (will deliver). "Harley" brand crash helmet. Call Laura at 619-822-1070 [ENGfly5@aol.com](mailto:ENGfly5@aol.com)

**For Sale:** 2003 Miata LS, 5K mi, xlnt cond, garnet exterior, tan interior and top, wood trim dash kit added. Job changes force sale. \$18K/obo. Dale Thompson (858) 481-5088 [dthompson1@san.rr.com](mailto:dthompson1@san.rr.com)

**For Sale:** 1999 and newer Like-New items --sway bars front 1" and rear 5/8" Brainstorm --muffler mellow sound /not loud --slotted and cross drilled rotors for 2002 and "sport set ups" (front is 10 5/8" dia.) --H&R springs front and rear. Larry Dennstedt, Mon-Fri 8am-5pm 619-284-4911

**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:** 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

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or e-mail [maigaberzins@aol.com](mailto:maigaberzins@aol.com)

**For Sale:** Acrylic TC Windblocker—"rated best value, extremely effective, looks good" on [Miata.net](http://Miata.net). For M2 Miatas. Worked great in my 2001 Miata for two months until I added a real roll-bar, 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 low 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 [rodneyt56@cox.net](mailto:rodneyt56@cox.net)

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).



## LOCAL BUSINESS DISCOUNTS

*Miata Club members receive 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.*

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3740 Rosecrans Street, San Diego (619) 682-3800  
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1620 Grand Avenue, San Marcos (760) 744-1192  
Discount: 10% (except oil changes)

**American Battery**, Miata batteries & all other batteries  
525 West 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](mailto:ehannigan@adelphia.net) (760) 473-4055  
Discount: 15% on Axxis Ultimate products, special pricing on other products.

**Bumper Express**, Plastic Bumper, and Paintless Dent Repair. Work done at the shop or a mobile truck will come to you.  
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[www.bumperexpress.com](http://www.bumperexpress.com)

**Coast Car Covers, Inc.**, Car covers, cockpit covers  
1229 Morena Blvd., San Diego (619) 275-7100  
Discount: Wholesale price

**Dent Man**, Mobile, paintless dent removal  
(800) 965-5475  
Discount: 15%

**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](http://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  
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**Larry Dennstedt's Auto Repair**  
4283 41<sup>st</sup> 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, San Diego (619) 232-2957  
Discount: 10% on parts (tires not included)  
Ask for Mike

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8500 Ablette Road, Santee (619) 562-7861  
Discount: 10% on labor and parts; ask for T.J.

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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 pint).

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

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