

SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB NEWS



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SDMC SEPTEMBER EVENTS: SEE PG 3 & 4 FOR COMPLETE DETAILS!

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|  | Cruisin' Grand Escondido | Friday, Sept. 3rd | 6 pm eat 7 pm cruise | Toms #23 Escondido (see page 5 for directions) |
|  | Aussie Impromptu Run | Sunday, Sept. 5th | 3 PM | Boll Weevil Clairemont Mesa |
|  | Meguiar's Detailing Day | Saturday, Sept. 25th | 7:00 a.m. | Meguiar's Inc. 17991 Mitchell South, Irvine, CA |
|  | SDMC Monthly Meeting | Thursday, Sept. 23rd | 6:00 pm | Boll Weevil Restaurant, Clairemont Mesa Blvd. |

IT'S SURF'N'SAFARI TIME!

Here it is September and we are less than 6 weeks away from Surf'N'Safari '04. At this point in time it's not too late to register but more importantly it IS time to volunteer. Yeah I'm back on that old kick. Although you know I have talked about it before I want to reemphasize the importance of providing volunteer services to this club.

Two years ago the Executive Board, Extended Board and General Membership made the decision to produce Surf'N'Safari '04 based on the highly successful Surf'N'Safari '99. There were about 75 volunteers that helped produce this great event in 99. Their dedication and hard work laid the foundation for the best Miata event Paula and I have ever attended.

We are now committed to this endeavor and to make it truly great (again) the club must come together and provide the attention to detail that is required of a top-notch organization. There is a tremendous amount of work that has been completed by a group of very talented people but we now need YOU to make this event happen. During August we started acquiring more volunteers but we still need more to share this event. Did I say SHARE the event? By participating you are having a great time but by volunteering you are helping your club to achieve a spectacular event. Not only can you be a part of the fun and festivities but by volunteering a little bit of your time you have become part of the team. Hence we are sharing our experience, talent and time with each other to produce this event. We all know that Les and Dennis and the other committee members can't produce this event by themselves. Oh sure, we can plan, organize and generally set things up but when it gets right down to it, it takes a combined effort by everybody.

Before we jump into the fray we need to catch our breath and take a quick look at why we are doing this. Now

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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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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!

The SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB has established a dedicated World Wide Web Home Page at:
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Submissions to the newsletter are welcomed and encouraged. When possible, please e-mail your submissions to the newsletter editor. Submissions may also be mailed to the club's post office box.

Submission deadline is the 15th of each month. Editor reserves the right to edit all submissions.

Cruisin' Grand

Friday, September 3

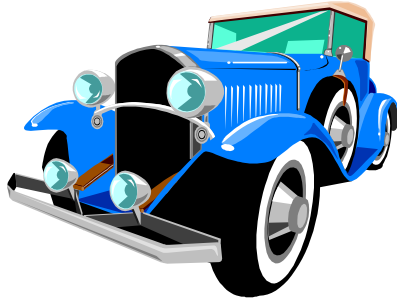
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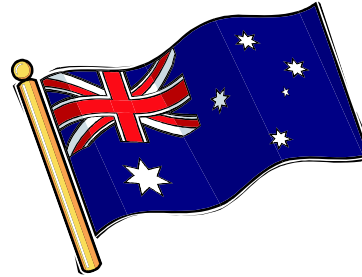
760-432-0727 or swaid@cox.net

Last chance in 2004 to experience Cruisin' Grand. Every Friday night from April through September, Escondido opens up Grand Avenue for cruising. On the first Friday of every month, San Diego Miata Club members meet at Tom's #23 at 6 pm to eat before leaving at 7 pm to cruise Grand. After taking Grand a couple of times we park and then walk Grand. You will see Hot Rods, Street Rods, Muscle Cars, Restorations, Motorcycles and more. A fun "Blast from the Past."

Tom's #23 is located on the Southwest corner of Centre City Parkway and 5th Street. Exit on Centre City Parkway from Interstate 15.



Aussie Impromptu
Sunday,
September 5, 2004
3 PM



Meet at Boll Weevil in Clairemong Mesa (where we have our Monthly Meetings)

Jean Cook from Australia will be visiting San Diego and staying with Ed and Michelle Langmaid for 3 days. Jean is an MX5 owner and would love to "play" with some SDMC Miata enthusiasts. Therefore a planned impromptu seems to be in order.

At the meeting location we will decide where we will go and what we will do. It always includes some of San Diego County's twistiest roads, and EATING.

By starting in the late afternoon, we should be able to guarantee ourselves some comfortable driving conditions. Come and be a part of the decision making, and help Jean "feel at home in a foreign land." Remember... they don't speak English "down under," they speak Australian.

Meguiar's Detailing Day

Saturday, September 25, 2004

7:00 a.m.

Meguiar's Inc.

17991 Mitchell South, Irvine, CA

714.809.2628

CONTACT(S): Ken Hurd or Steve Waid
 Donuts and coffee at 8:30am; class starting at 9:00am.

Are you ready to learn more about detailing your car and how Meguiar's products can help you? Well here's our chance.

The class will involve hands on demonstrations that will include Meguiar's five step paint care cycle, Meguiar's Consumer line of products including the NEW NXT Generation line, Meguiar's Professional line including Nikken Finishing papers, Compounds, Cleaner/Polishes, Pure Polishes and Paint Protectants, as well as using Meguiar's foam pad technology and you will learn techniques for using your hands, rotary buffers and the Porta Cable Dual-Action Polisher.

Not only will we learn all these wonderful things, but we each participant will receive a Meguiar's Gift Bag.

What an opportunity this is for the members of SDMC!

Due to the limited size of the Meguiar's facility, we are only able to have 30 cars/people. I have been asked to stress the 30 people part due to the limited space - couples are welcome, but please make sure that who you bring will truly enjoy this event and will benefit from it. Otherwise, please allow the spaces to be taken by those with cars who want to learn about the Meguiar's product line.

DIRECTIONS:

We will caravan from the Oceanside McDonalds at 7 am. That will give us time to get to the Meguiar's facility in Irvine in time for the donuts. Exit Interstate 5 at Oceanside Blvd, one exit north of Highway 78. If traveling north on I5 the off ramp will "dump" you right into McDonalds.



UPCOMING EVENTS

SDMC Monthly Meeting

Thursday, Sept 23, 2004

6 PM at Boll Weevil

9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. SD

(858)571-6225

(meeting starts at 7 PM)

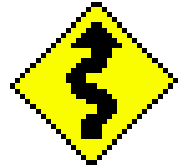
This event is the single best way to meet your fellow club members, ask questions, and share stories. Come eat and chat with your Miata friends, ask "car stuff" questions, then get the scoop on what's happening with the Club at 7 PM.



SNS 2004 "Lookie-Lou Run"

Sunday, October 3

Save the date and watch for details!



On Sunday, October 3, you will have an opportunity to get a "sneak peek" at the beautiful venue at Pala Resort, base for SNS 2004. Larry and Annette Dennstedt will lead a fun run from Escondido to the facility as a prelude to the "training session" for volunteers who will need to know what's what and where's where.

Once we arrive at Pala Mesa, there will be a tour of the sites for our banquets, dancing, mariachis, vendor mall, staging area for the many road rallies, the swimming pool and golf course. This will be followed by lunch, of course.

You need not be a Surf 'N' Safari '04 volunteer to come and share the fun. (It's not too late to sign up as a volunteer). Remember, volunteers do not have to be paid registrants of SNS '04 to assist with this major club event. However, participation in events (such as the road rallies, the banquets, the dancing and other scheduled activities) is limited to paid registrants.

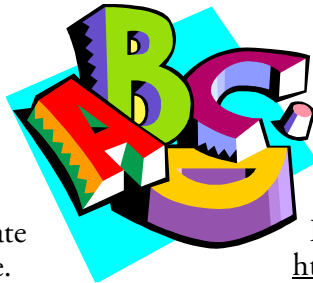
All volunteers will receive a FREE tee shirt. This is a special SNS '04 tee shirt different from the event participation shirt, exclusive for volunteers. To volunteer, contact Brenda Kay at BrendaKay100@yahoo.com

SAMOA Scrabble Scramble

Fri-Sat, Sept 24th-25th, 2004

SAMOA is now taking registrations for the 2004 SAMOA Scrabble Scramble.

Don't miss your chance to participate in the Sept. 25th Scrabble Scramble.



Hurry! This event was a sell-out last year. Participation is limited to 44 cars and we expect to have lots of out-of-town Miata enthusiasts join us for the fun. Also, Mazda is sponsoring the awards dinner, making this rally one of the best deals around.

For more information and the registration form, go to: <http://www.samo.org/samo4a.cfm?link=332>

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that's a really good question. We certainly don't do it for the money since we are all volunteers. Maybe we want the club to have more money to provide more for the club membership? Remember in 1999 that any extra money was donated to the Wild Animal Park. The policy this year is that there will be NO COMPS. This means that everybody (including El Presidente) has to pay his or her own way. So obviously doing this for the money is not of prime importance. So why put on this event, face the stress, hard work and sometimes disappointments? In a word, family. This is the greatest group of people I have ever had the pleasure to associate with. Strange that a little car can bring people together in such a dramatic way. I, for one, volunteer because I hope to give back a little of the fun, camaraderie and sense of belonging that I have acquired by being part of this club. There is one caveat to all this and that is to belong to a family you need to participate and help it grow. No way am I implying that this is a perfect group but then again what family is perfect? So become part of our family, participate, help us grow, give of yourself. Join in on the fun, sometimes work, and occasional heartbreak. Be part of the San Diego Miata Club family, volunteer yourself to help make this an event that will equal...nay surpass the SNS99 event.

And for those of you that take on this commitment and because we want to say thanks, each volunteer will receive a beautiful T-shirt with the SNS logo on the front and "EVENT STAFF" on the back. And guess what color the shirt is? (hint, NOT the color of Obiwaid's cars.) So give Brenda Kay a call or email, or contact one of the SNS board members or contact one of the Elected Board members. And just as a final Point of Contact, please email SNS04@san.rr.com.

Warm Regards,
Steve "Nails" Kennison
President, San Diego Miata Club

You've read and heard the Baker's Square restaurant advertising mantra "Come for the Meal. Stay for the Desert." A variation for Miata club members might be "Join for the Fun and Fellowship. Stay for the Discounts."

Member savings offered by advertisers in this newsletter have enabled us to recover our \$25 bargain-basement membership fee in both of the past two months.

In July, "the card" reduced the cost of a full detailing at Professional Car Care Products & Accessories by \$40. And a \$134 repair bill at Cush Mazda was reduced to \$112 when I requested the club discount.

Suggestion: remove the back page from a past issue of the newsletter and place it in the glove box of your Miata. That way, the list of vendors who support the club with their advertising will be at hand as a guide when your Miata needs any of their services or when you're settling the bill. Zoom zoom.



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MEMBER'S PROFILE: DAVE & STEPHANIE SHABESTARI—BY TOM SPRAGUE

We all know the Miata is a really fun car to drive. But there is an added bonus in the little machine's awesome reliability.

How about this? A 1990 A package that has run for 88,000 miles with very few demands. It does have new tires, oil changes, filters, new front brake pads, a battery, the usual timing belt change and last month a section of the exhaust from the manifold to the cat being replaced with a used part from Wally Stevens. Oh yeh, the owners flushed the radiator and brake fluid, but everything else is still as is was 15 years ago--rear brake pads still working, the original top in fine condition, the spare tire and tool kit never been touched, and the factory spark plugs are still sparking away. Never even replaced a light bulb. Awesome.

The car belongs to Dave and Stephanie Shabestari who got their '90 in '89, paying a healthy premium over the sticker price for the privilege. And they still feel it is quite a bargain. Stephanie bought the car from Ken Garff Honda in Salt Lake City in late June of 1989, about a year before being married. Dave and Stephanie were dating and Dave had shown her a photo of the car on the cover of Road & Track magazine, and like so many of us decided she absolutely had to have a Miata.

The sales manager at Ken Garff was a friend of her Dad's and agreed to help her find one. He ended up trading a dealer in Oregon for the car, and having it specially shipped to Salt Lake City. It is believed to be the first Miata to arrive and be sold in Utah.

The car had to survive only one Utah winter, but did so just fine, even though frost would form on the inside of the top at night, then melt and drip on the driver as the car warmed. Driving a rear-wheel-drive car with summer tires on packed snow streets can be quite fun, and Dave gave the car frequent trips to the 'donut' lot--the high school parking lot--to spin in circles endlessly.

A year later, they arrived in Vista, and the Miata got lots of use as a daily driver. They also made all sorts of top-down exploratory excursions--to LA, Orange County, the Anza-Borrego desert, Mexico, and the local mountains.

During the time they owned the Miata, they have also had a 1975 Fiat 124 Spyder, a 1986 VW Golf, a 1991 Nissan Pathfinder, a 1992 Nissan Pathfinder, a 1995 VW Golf, a 1997 Jeep Wrangler, a 1999 Nissan Pathfinder, and finally a 2004 Nissan Titan.

They found out about SDMC through the usual friendly smiles of our members. Years ago, when Dave drove the Miata to work each day

in Oceanside, there used to be a big empty lot next to the office at the corner of Mission and Hill St. It was sort of a park, covered with lawn and a couple of benches and palms. One day, there was a small event taking place, and a few Miatas drove up onto the grass and lined up, then a few more. In all, about 20 cars came and remained on display through the afternoon. Dave walked over to see what was up, and a SDMC member introduced himself and offered a club card. Dave joined our group shortly thereafter.

In 1998, they inherited a third car, a comfortable Lexus LS400, and the Miata became a weekend-only cruiser. With only a two-car garage, they wanted to keep the Miata nice, so rented a garage at a self-storage lot nearby, and the Miata still calls it home, six years later.

Stephanie and Dave live in the Shadowridge area of Vista, and have been there 14 years after moving from Salt Lake City, where we were both born and raised. They moved here just a week after being married and finishing school at the University of Utah. They went on their first date in the 9th grade, as Dave's Mom drove them to the theater to see *Airplane!*, and were married 8 years later in a double wedding with Stephanie's twin sister Kim.

The Miata now has to compete with some newer toys— a Nissan Titan SE Crew Cab and Chaparral 240 Signature Cabin Cruiser boat that they will take to Lake Powell in southern Utah as often as they can.

To keep bread on the table and gas in the cars, Dave works for a large CENTURY 21 real estate office in Oceanside as the IT guy and graphic artist. Stephanie is a Staff Accountant with San Diego's largest law firm, Procopio Cory Hargreaves and Savitch.

Other SDMC members have similar tales to report about reliability and durability. If you have one to share, send it along to Tom Sprague for a future issue.

Dave Shabestari and The Dog



DEBBYE DOES THE SANTEE DRIVE-IN—2004! BY DUSTIN LEWIS

Vikki and I started leading this run back in 2000. We have mapped out this run for five years now and it has always been great fun. This year was no exception. This year however Vikki (my Co-Run leader) couldn't make it at the last minute. My Hubby was more than willing to help, so 22 Miatas gathered for dinner at the Chicken Pie Shop in Poway on Saturday the 14th. Friends talked, people were teased . . . well actually just Leo but that's a different story. After a great dinner of good ol' nostalgia comfort food the Miatas headed for a twisty 50-mile drive through Bandi Canyon & Wild Cat Canyon on their way to the Drive-In double feature. We even survived passing through the odorous adventure that is Ramona. This year we all voted to see "Collateral" and "Catwoman". What can ya' say... Tom for the ladies and Hallie for the fellas, it was purrrfect! The Goodie bags were handed out, popcorn was munched and good times were had by all. Well, all those who were awake. I do believe I heard some logs being sawed in the vicinity of a Vivid Yellow LS!! As it turns out, we had two club members purchase new Miatas just hours before the run. They brought their new babies out for a little break-in drive and they were both beautiful. So, I would like to congratulate Andrew on his gorgeous new 1999 Sapphire Blue Mica 10AE and also, Jan Wagner on his Velocity Red Mica Turbo Charged Mazda Speed Beast. They're both beautiful, guys. Thanks to everyone who came out for the fun. If you missed this year's fun, we will see you next August for the 6th Annual 'Debbie Does The Santee Drive-In'!!!!



CALLING ALL MEMBERS OF SDMC!

SDMC is the official sponsor of Surf N Safari '04. That means if you are a member of SDMC, you are an official host or hostess of SNS '04. We are looking for lots and lots of volunteers. Volunteers do not have to be paid registrants of SNS '04 to serve as a volunteer. Some volunteer work will be needed prior to the event (up to a month earlier than the actual event in October.) Some volunteer work will be needed at the event. That way, you have a sneak peak at the venue and activities, without having to pay the registration fee. Of course, only folks who have registered can participate in events (such as the road rallies, the banquets, the dancing). But ALL volunteers will receive a free tee shirt. This is a special SNS '04 tee shirt different from everyone else that only volunteers will receive.



We are lucky to have in place a wonderful committee of folks who will do the layout and printing of the program to be distributed to all registered participants. But we have a special need for someone to collect all the text, artwork, run directions from run leaders, and vendor information to get it to the program editor. If chasing loose ends is your special gift, please consider serving your club in this way.

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FUN AT 2004 CALIFORNIA AUTOFEST—BY JAN WAGNER

Just when I thought I'd seen – or at least heard about, most every exciting form of organized automobile racing, yet another one has come along. The one that I've reported on most recently is drifting – perhaps the fastest way humanly possible to wear out perfectly good sets of tires (I'm sure it is no coincidence that Yokohama and Dunlop are involved in this madness). The thick clouds of tire smoke may also be an effective way to kill mosquitoes. Whatever. Enough about drifting. Today I'm here to tell you about extreme racing. Have you heard of it yet? If not, you're in for a real treat. I'll get to that in a minute, but first I'd like to tell you a little bit about where and when I discovered it.

I expected the event to mostly be a big car and vendor show, as well as an opportunity to drive a few pace laps around the NASCAR track at California Speedway. It was an annual event called the California AUTOFEST. I had not been before, so when I was asked to add my car to a vendor's display, I decided to brave the anticipated high heat in my un-air conditioned Miata Club Sport and drive up to Fontana to check it out.

I should have known that this would be much more than just another car show. The organizers previewed this year's California AUTOFEST quite well when they summed up last year's version by saying: "this ten-ring circus of all things motorized featured a phenomenal range of high-performance vehicles and action events." Absolutely.

In addition to exhibitions of extreme racing, the range of things to see and do included: plenty of cars, trucks, motorcycles and custom boats; charity and silent auctions; tech seminars; live (and very loud) bands; Dunlop Tire drifting demos; opportunities to drive scale model RC cars; and even a fashion show!

Many interesting products were on display, including the "Carcoon," the "Outdoor Carcoon" and even the "Bike Bubble." Think of them as big, environmentally controlled plastic bags for car stor-

age. If you'd like to learn more go to www.carcoon.com.

I have no doubt that there was even more to see and do but there is a limit to how much heat I will endure in the pursuit of automotive fun. Man, Fontana in the summer is H-O-T! I'm from the land of ice and snow (Canada). I don't like heat. Nevertheless, I'm very glad I went and heartily recommend this annual event. You might want to bookmark the event's Website for future reference: www.thecaliforniaclassic.com. Hopefully next year it will not be held in the peak of the summer.

One really nice thing about California Speedway for a show like this is that it is HUGE. That fact enabled the organizers to separate out the really noisy things (like the bands) from the vendor and car show areas, and also to have enough room to do really good, on-track exhibitions of drifting and extreme racing. Free and frequent shuttles were available to take people from place to place.

Well, I've probably teased you with extreme racing long enough, so here it is. As it is described on the XRL Extreme Racing League Hollywood Website (www.extremerracingleague.com): "Hollywood meets drag racing in the Extreme Racing League." I think this is actually a twist on the auto thrill shows that I remember going to many years ago.

Do you remember them? Joey Chitwood's was perhaps the most famous, but there were others, too. Daring (insane?)



Photss by Jan Wagner



“THE START: Two cars paired up on starting line. Flag start.”

“THE TAKE OFF: Cars accelerate for 75 feet and “slalom” through a chicane of 55 gallon barrels.”

“THE STRAIGHTAWAY: Having cleared chicane, cars full throttle accelerate down the track for 400 plus feet...”

“THE 180 BARRELS: In each car’s lane is a single barrel. Cars do a 180-hairpin slide around respective barrels and race back the other way.”

“THE RAMP: Enroute to the finish, cars must negotiate a ramp with either right or left side two wheels, depending on respective lane.”

“THE FINISH: One hundred feet from the ramp is the finish... Each lane has a suspended 10” diameter rubber “jolly ball”. First car to contact respective jolly ball is the winner. HOWEVER, 15 feet beyond each jolly ball is a wall of barrels... Cars may not knock any of these barrels over. To do so is to be DQ’d/DNF’d and the slower car gets the win for that run.”

stunt drivers used to accelerate up ramps and then leap through the air in cars, jumping over other vehicles (and assorted big objects) before landing. They’d drag daredevils wearing harnesses and then release them to slide perilously through rings of fire and even, as I recall, through boxes rigged with explosive charges (the Department of Homeland Security would surely love that). They’d defy the laws of physics by getting way up on two wheels and then hold it there for what seemed like an eternity without rolling over, as the audience held their collective breath in awe of the driving skill on display.

Last night on TV’s TNT (Turner Network Television), I watched a tape delayed, two-wheeled version of one of these shows. Robbie Knievel, son of the legendary Evel Knievel, successfully jumped over several parked military airplanes on the deck of the decommissioned USS Intrepid aircraft carrier, turned floating museum, in New York Harbor (for information on the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum and its incredible collection, which includes an actual Concorde, visit www.intrepidmuseum.org). Then I enjoyed a new, made-for-television movie about Evel Knievel.

Such is the history behind extreme racing, which takes some of its elements from these stunt shows and then doubles the action by adding racing to the mix. Do you think I’m exaggerating? Hardly. Take a look at the occupations of the first few drivers profiled on the XRL Extreme Racing League Website: Professional Stuntman, Stuntman, Stuntman, Stuntman (and Panoz Racing Instructor) and Stunt Performer. These guys – and gals, are really good. The points leader going into the round I saw was a woman!

By their own description, “the XRL’s Pro Extreme class is a sprint race between two cars involving obstacles and stunt driving skills. As auto racing goes, the XRL involves fast acceleration, cornering, braking and ground pounding. And like no other form of auto racing, the XRL involves a considerable degree of trick or stunt driving elements.”

Extreme racing is a real hoot to watch. I liked “THE RAMP” the best. I swear the cars came close to rolling over – sometimes side-by-side. You’ve got to see this for yourself. I want to see it again. Upcoming XRL extreme races in 2004 are scheduled to take place on the evenings of August 14th and Sept. 25th at Irwindale, and later at Willow Springs and the Los Angeles County Raceway. I say WA-HOO!

The XRL Extreme Racing League is partnered with The National Veterans Foundation.

Until next time...

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As of August 17, 2004
there are 315 memberships
(117 single, 198 dual)
and a total of 513 members.

Welcome to our newest mem-
bers since last newsletter: (9)

Evelyn Crosby
Oceanside
1999 10AE Sapphire Blue

Thomas (Tom) Giammaria
Escondido
2000 Red Base

Eric & Claire Johnson
Oceanside
1995 White Popular Equip pkg

Arthur Mitchell
La Mesa
1990 Red

Diedra & Rodney Packwood
Escondido
1990 White A pkg

Mike & Andi Schwartz
San Diego
1994 Black C pkg

Greg Sherman
Vista
1999 White

Jerry Standefer
San Diego
2004 Titanium Mazdaspeed

Gene & Bonnie Streeter
Chula Vista
2004 Mica Red Mazda Speed

**MEMBERSHIP
STATISTICS**

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

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.

**RENEWING MEMBERS
(SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER)**

Walt Arnold

Richard Best

Jim & Charlene Brokaw

Ricardo Da Rosa

Joe & Diane Garrison

Leonard & Lois Garth

Zaldy Gozalo

Arthur L. Hamilton

Sally & "MG" Hill

Robert Holland
Carol Schwartz

Cynthia S. Jones

Craig & Jessica Julian

Barry & Nancee Kershaw

Michael & Cindy Knapp

Fred Lerner

Louis Misko
Amy Del Nagro

Fredrick & Lina Overman

Cindy Paloma

Ludwig Puchmayer

Samuel Ramey

Frank Rimmer
Charm Johnson

Steve Robbins

Jennifer Roth

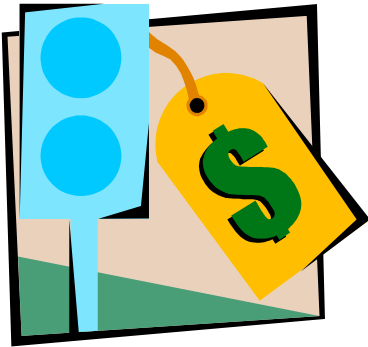
Alex & Lulette Sarko

Jim Schmedake

Anthony Wilde

Karen & Tra Wood

Woody & Maggi Woodhouse



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Send to:

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For Sale: from a 1994 Brilliant Black: Miata Mesh Grill with Logo \$15.00, Left & Right Tail Light Assembly \$40.00, Sun visors \$10.00, Tan Floor mats used \$20, Black Gas Bib \$5.00, front left & right Turn Signal Assembly \$40.00, Rear View Mirror \$5.00, BSP Tan Leather Style Bar Cover \$10.00, Brass and Chrome License Plate Frame with Logo \$10.00, Eye Ball Vents Set of 4 \$20, 4 Side Markers \$20.00, Parking Brake Handle \$2.00, Gas Lid \$20.00, Oris Windscreen Case \$2.00, Miata Logo Factory Bra Used \$20.00, OEM Shift knob \$1.00

Stan Fry (909) 780-3963 or seagal-fan4life@yahoo.com

For Sale: 1999 Emerald Green with a Red Stripe, 61,000 miles \$10,000 OBO. Evenings: 760-796-7704 or email: rndramz@hotmail.com
Donna Ramsey

For Sale: 1990 White, base model Miata, AM/FM cassette, 5 speed, No A/C. New engine at 100,000 miles. Runs strong. Comes with Stylebar, tonneau cover, chassis braces and SDMC magnetics. Recently tuned

with new timing belt and smogged. This car was responsible for 5 Dam Runs. Must sell as our other sports car must take its place in the garage. \$3200 OBO. Contact John & Joyce Richardson. 909-696-1892 or at miatajuan@hotmail.com

For Sale: '77 MGB Lots of extra parts, short block, Head, overdrive tranny, 60amp alternator, Intake/exhaust manifold. extra carburetors. New catalytic converter. and more. Car in running order, Recent smog, Compression 135 across. Lots of new parts John @ 760-789-8199 Stjohn55@sbcglobal.net

For Sale: 2001 silver Miata. MX-5 - 5 speed 43,000 miles. Great condition. Just off warranty. Need larger car. call (619) 449-5626 or e-mail foxlaw@cox.net

For Sale: 1994 MAZDA MIATA - 4 cyl, 5spd, ps, pb, ac, p/mirrors, stereo am/fm/cd, M - new tires, new paint (deep blue), w/tan leather. 95K, \$5350/OBO, Call Patrick (760) 753-5440 or tchvlvh@yahoo.com.

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For Sale: 1992 Viscous Limited Slip

Differential. Includes half-shafts and driveshaft, \$50. Racing Beat original 2-point Style Bar, \$20. For details, call Robert Holland at 858-541-0935 or email at jtboob@teamvoodoo.com

For Sale: 1990 Miata aluminum wheels very good condition - \$20 each. Leather steering with air bag in excellent condition, make offer. Tom Tratar 619 501-2785 tratar@cox.net

For Sale: 2003 Miata Shinsen 5-spd, titanium body, blue top, 5-yr/50kmile warranty; cruise, alloys, AC,CD,PW,PL, Karr Alarm, Lojack; 6300miles. Beautiful car, like brand new. Job transfer, must sell. \$20k/obo. Judy Zarevich 619-282-2251 Mon-Fri 8am-6pm/858-484-6183 evenings and weekends JZarevich@moderncontinental.com

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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

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