



# TWISTS & TURNS

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## Searching for Madonna, and Miata

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I'm going to guess it was that devious Larry Clark who included the sample "M. Ciccone" SDMC badge in the May newsletter. For those very few of you who might have missed Larry's sly reference, Madonna Ciccone is the foreshortened real name of Madonna, the pop star and recently self-proclaimed patron of purity. I'm certain Chip Kushner would agree, she's probably "wishing she was driving a Miata."

While I like Larry, I feel I've earned the right to make my personality assessment based upon my

less-than-impressive finishes at both gimmick rallies he and his wife/accomplice Mary have orchestrated thus far just to torment this club. In the event that my guess is incorrect, refer once again to my lackluster finishes in both rallies as the reason. Enough of that.

Being first-time searchers, my own wife/accomplice Bonnie and I have been looking forward to this highly publicized event for weeks, if not months. Part of the reason stems from our coming of age in the 1960s and getting married in the 1970s. The

Madonna Inn was *the* place to go for a weekend getaway or honeymoon in those decades. We've driven right on by numerous times over the years, stopping only once to view the men's restroom (only one of us actually got to use it) and the grounds.

Saturday afternoon's arrival didn't disappoint. Lunch in the Copper Cafe was terrific amid all the colorful pinks and sparkling baubles of an interior design scheme gone mad. Given the quality of food we enjoyed there (thanks to Steve Waid/Trip Nazi/breakfast connoisseur/event shepherd for the tip on the Eggs Benedict), I doubt the color scheme was actually inspired by Pepto-Bismol, but the color comes awfully close. And it didn't end there. As we learned during Sunday evening's room hopping, the guest rooms were decorated in the same manner—over the top. As we made our way from room to room (doesn't the contemporary Madonna suffer that



The Trip Nazi commands his minions. Photo: Vicki Kiehl

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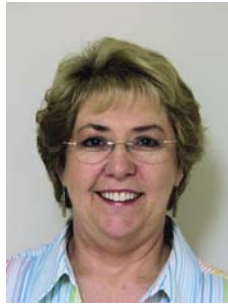
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Submission deadline is the 15th of each month. The Editor reserves the right to edit all submissions.

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Most club communication is conducted via e-mail through a Yahoo Group named SDMC-List. A free Yahoo account is required. Follow these steps to join.

1. Go to <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/SDMC-List>. (Note: Capitalization matters!)
2. Click "Join This Group!"
3. If you have a Yahoo account, log in. If you do not, click "Sign Up" and follow the instructions.
4. After logging in, you will be returned to the SDMC-List "Join This Group" page.
5. In "Comment to Owner," state that you are an SDMC member.
6. Complete remaining selections, perform Word Verification, and click the "Join" button.
7. Your SDMC membership will be verified. The verification and approval process may take several days.

For more detailed instructions, see the club's website.

### Membership roster

The membership roster is available to SDMC members only. Follow these steps to access the roster.

1. Go to <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/SDMC-List>.
2. Log in and click "Database"
3. Click on the most current table in the tables list
4. To print, click "Printable Report." The printed copy will be 15–20 pages.

For more detailed instructions and options, see the club's web site.

# Membership Information

## New Members

Welcome to our newest members (since the previous newsletter):

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| <b>Steve Nelson</b> , Escondido .....                    | 1996 Red    |
| <b>Susan Almond</b> , Carlsbad .....                     | 1990 Red    |
| <b>Stan &amp; Sharon Becker</b> , San Diego .....        | 2006 Black  |
| <b>Larry Clapper &amp; Gretchen Vik</b> , San Diego..... | 2001 Red    |
| <b>David &amp; Hedy Moore</b> , Lakeside.....            | 2004 Silver |
| <b>Ed &amp; Michelle Wood</b> , Spring Valley.....       | 1999 Silver |
| <b>Bill &amp; Janet Hyde</b> , Cypress .....             | 1991 White  |

As of May 20, 2006, we have 290 memberships (111 single, 179 dual) and a total of 469 members.

## Monthly Meetings

Our monthly meetings are a great opportunity to meet your fellow club members, ask questions, and share stories. Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month, except in November and December when we meet on the third Thursday.

We meet at the Boll Weevil restaurant, 9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., in San Diego (between I-15

and SR 163). To contact the restaurant, call 858-571-6225.

Many members arrive around 6 p.m. to enjoy meals, snacks, or beverages while chatting with their Miata friends. The informal meeting starts at 7 p.m. We guarantee you'll have fun.

**This month's meeting date:**

**Thursday, June 22**

## Volunteer Opportunities

SDMC needs your help. We have a number of openings for officers and volunteers, which urgently need to be filled.

As of this date, the following positions are open:

- ◆ Vice President
- ◆ Events Coordinator
- ◆ Newsletter Production Editor
- ◆ Membership
- ◆ Vendor Coordinator

As always, we also need volunteers to lead runs and to write articles for the newsletter. And, starting this month, we are using volunteer labor to fold and staple *Twists & Turns*.

Please consider investing a little of your time to give back to the club that provides us all with so much enjoyment.

Contact any board member to learn more about the positions.

## Dues

Dues are \$35 per calendar year, for either an individual or a dual membership (two members in the same household). Members who join the club in the first half of the calendar year (January through June) pay \$35 for their first year; those who join in the second half of the year pay \$20 for the remainder of the year.

## Badges

Have you noticed those engraved plastic name badges that other members wear? Would you like to get one?

Badges are available in colors to match your car. The cost is \$9.00 each for badges with safety-pin closures, or \$10.00 for badges with magnetic fasteners. Prices include shipping to your home.

Vicky Krueger handles the ordering. Badge request forms are available at the Regalia table at monthly meetings and on the club's web site. All orders must be prepaid.



## Our Mission

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!**

# Coming Events

## Cruisin' Grand

**Date:** Fridays, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 1  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m. for dinner, 7:00 p.m. to cruise  
**Meet:** Tom's #23 restaurant in Escondido (SW corner of Centre City Parkway and 5th St.)  
**Contact:** Steve & Laurie Waid, 760-432-0727, SWAID@COX.NET

**Details:** On Friday nights from April through September, Escondido opens up Grand Avenue for cruising. On the *first* Friday of each month, SDMC members meet at Tom's #23 at 6:00 p.m. to eat before leaving at 7:00 p.m. to cruise Grand. After taking a spin up and down Grand a few 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."

After cruisin' and walkin' Grand, we will drive a short distance to find dessert. This will be a full evening of car fun for car people.

## The Greatest Show on Turf

**Date:** Saturday, June 3  
**Time:** 7:00 a.m. for registered Miatas  
9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for the show  
**Meet:** Balboa Park, grassy areas between the Hall of Champions and Park Boulevard  
**Contact:** Mark Booth, 619-670-3789, MARKBOOTH@COX.NET  
**Cost:** \$20 (benefits the San Diego Automotive Museum and Car Club Council)

**Details:** The San Diego Automotive Museum's annual Car Club Council Car Show. If 10 or more Miatas participate, the Museum will include a special class (trophies) for Miatas!

This show is by pre-registration only, which closed on May 25. Registered Miatas will meet in the parking lot at the northeast corner of Park Blvd. and Presidents Way at 7:00 a.m. to caravan onto the show grounds as a group and get parked together. If a registered Miata arrives late, you might be unable to park with the rest of the Miatas.

**Link:** [WWW.STREETRODINSIDER.COM/EVENTSDetail.ASP?EVENTID=314](http://WWW.STREETRODINSIDER.COM/EVENTSDetail.ASP?EVENTID=314)

## SCCA Autocrosses

**Dates:** Saturday-Sunday, June 3-4;  
Saturday-Sunday, July 1-2; and  
Saturday-Sunday, July 29-30  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Link:** [WWW.SDR-SCCA.COM/SOLO2](http://WWW.SDR-SCCA.COM/SOLO2)  
**Meet:** Qualcomm Stadium

## Cruise-In to the County Fair

**Dates:** Sundays, June 11, 18, 25, and July 2  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m.  
**Meet:** Albertson's parking lot on the south side of Via De La Valle, just east of I-5  
**Contact:** Mark Booth, 619-670-3789, EVENTS@SANDIEGOMIATACLUB.ORG

**Details:** Every Sunday during the run of the San Diego County Fair, SDMC members are welcomed to "Cruise-In" on Sunday as part of "Classics Galore." Meet in the Albertson's parking lot at 10:00 a.m. At 10:20 a.m., we will caravan with a police escort through traffic and onto the fairgrounds along with cars from other car clubs. All occupants of the club vehicles are admitted *free* to the fairgrounds and, of course, parking is free as well. You may leave the fairgrounds whenever you wish.

The parking/viewing area on the racetrack is well-groomed, slightly moist dirt. Yes, dirt! But it is neither muddy nor terribly dusty. Fair staff will be on-site asking the public to "look, but don't touch."

## Miatas at the County Fair Car Show

**Date:** Wednesday, June 14, and Saturday, June 17  
**Time:** 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
**Contact:** Mark Booth, 619-670-3789, EVENTS@SANDIEGOMIATACLUB.ORG

**Details:** A small number of SDMC club members that have reserved their spot will be representing the club at the San Diego County Fair by displaying their cars in the annual Car Show sponsored by the Car Club Council of the San Diego Auto Museum.

*NOTE:* This event is open to only a small number of SDMC members who have signed up well in advance. This event is *not* the same as the "Cruise-In" type of events that are happening on Sundays during the Fair's run.

## Garden Party Run

**Date:** Sunday, July 9  
**Contact:** Linda Payne, 858-560-4272, LPAYNE1@SAN.RR.COM  
**Details:** To be announced.

## Twilight Fun Run

**Date:** Saturday, July 15  
**Contact:** Mark Booth, 619-670-3789, MARKBOOTH@COX.NET  
**Details:** To be announced.

# Vanishing soft tops

JERRY STANDEFER, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

**T**ake a look at the Pontiac G6 convertible, Volvo C70, Chevrolet SSR, Lexus SC 430, Cadillac XLR, Mercedes-Benz SLK and SL, Volkswagen Eos, the upcoming BMW 3-Series convertible, and the upcoming Chrysler Sebring convertible. What do they all have in common? They are all equipped with retractable hardtops.

The retractable hardtop is nothing new. An American engineer developed the first known retractable hardtop on a Hudson in 1922, although that concept never saw production. The first production retractable hardtop appeared on a Peugeot in 1934. It was electrically operated, but was unreliable and cumbersome. Ford introduced a retractable hardtop in the 1957 Fairlane 500 Skyliner, which was not a sales success and was discontinued in 1959.

Nearly four decades would pass before the next mass-produced retractable hardtop hit the market again. In 1994, Mitsubishi introduced the 3000 GT Spyder, although its limited availability and high price kept sales numbers low.

Mercedes-Benz became the first manufacturer to claim sales success with the SLK roadster. With the SLK, Mercedes had managed to develop a retractable hardtop that was both compact and reliable. Over the next decade, the number of retractable hardtops multiplied to our current market. It's only a matter of time before retractable hardtops outnumber soft tops. What about our beloved Miata?

## The rumor mill

Rumors about a retractable hardtop for the third-generation Miata (NC) began circulating in the Miata.net forums in March of last

year, well before the car was in production. From the discussions, it quickly became clear that a market exists for such a Miata. Since then, rumors have been popping up everywhere, from small websites to major publications such as *AutoWeek* magazine. However, no timeframe has ever been pinpointed, and there was conflicting information over whether the folding hardtop would be manually or power operated.

The rumors have not escaped SDMC either. A folding hardtop NC has been the topic of several discussions on SDMC-List. Most recently, Dustin Locke posted a tidbit he heard from a friend who works for Mazda North American Operations in Irvine. Dustin also mentioned a new color (Phantom Blue) that was already being used for the Mazda5 and will become available for the RX-8 and NC. Well, guess what? Phantom Blue was just recently introduced for the RX-8. Could the information he heard about the folding hardtop also be true?

British automotive magazine *What Car?* published a news article on their website on April 19, 2006, about Mazda unveiling a convertible hardtop version of the new MX-5 at the British International Motor Show. The British show will be held July 20–30 at the ExCel exhibition center in London.

## Possibilities

Can these rumors be true? If a folding hardtop NC is to be introduced just a year after the car was redesigned from the ground up, Mazda must have had this in mind throughout the design process. Are there any clues?

I took a look at my NC and found some interesting things. In the fuse block under the hood, there is a fuse



for the power windows. But, there is also a second power windows fuse slot next to it that is empty (no fuse). A folding hardtop would require a pair of small rear quarter windows that need to go up and down, and a second fuse would be required. It is possible that this fuse box is shared with another car that has rear windows, but the fuse box is shaped so perfectly for the NC that I would think that it is very specific for the NC. Coincidence?

I also measured the distance from the top of the rear deck to the top of the glass window. It is exactly one-third of the total length of the top, and is also just shorter than the depth of the well that the soft top folds into. The soft top, when folded down, doesn't even come close to occupying all of the space of that well. Why is it so deep? If I could cut the top into three equal-length panels, all three panels would just happen to fit into that well. Another coincidence?

Will the NC join the rapidly growing ranks of hardtop convertibles? Will it help increase sales? What would it do to performance? Will it still be a Miata? Will you buy one? We'll just have to wait and see.

reputation?), I swear to you I've never used the word "gauche" so many times in one day.

Saturday evening's events were both educational and thoroughly entertaining. Hearst Castle is a monument to the design and decorating excesses of a truly wealthy newspaper publisher. Although we had toured the castle before, we had never seen it at night. Nor had we been caught up in the sort of enthusiasm generated by dozens of Miataphiles from multiple clubs. The question raised on the tour bus descending the steep access road from the Castle back to reality (what's so special about a Miata?) was surely laced with envy. I'll attempt to answer that question a little further down.



Room hopping at the Madonna. Photo: Vicki Kiehl

Sunday morning's trek to Morro Bay Rock and car show bordered upon a religious experience. Yeah, "been there, done that" applies, but I got lost in the sea of street rod nostalgia, muscle cars, and fabulous colors. Literally. Really.

In my excitement, I committed the cardinal sin. I parked my Velocity Red '04 Mazdaspeed (get it, Larry?) without checking my coordinates. I would simply rely upon my navigator/accomplice/wife to tell me where I left my car when the appointed time came to leave. I'm

thinking, of course, not until the trophies are awarded and after some of those thunderous V8s fire off and begin picking their way through the crowd of die-hard fans. She always tells me where to go, why shouldn't it work in reverse?

Well, plans changed. Bonnie found a way back to the Madonna with Linda Payne in "Crystal Blue" and probably took a nap because of the pace of the weekend activities. Loyal #1 son, David, and wife/co-conspirator, Keri, also left me to wander the many blocks surrounding the show area. *Search for Madonna* became quite literally, *search for Miata*. I found it just in time to get fueled-up, and one more futile round of cleaning, before charging off on our tour of the San Luis Obispo countryside. On time, full tank of gas, empty bladder ... words to live by.

I'll let others describe the great roads we drove over the weekend. I'm content to say thank you to Steve and Laurie Waid for opening their hot pink "Love Nest" (hold your giggles and assumptions, it was the name of their room, OK?) to all of us interested in celebrating David's 29th birthday. Wonderful chocolate cake (weighed about twelve pounds) and

terrible singing provided a calorific end to another perfect day on the Central Coast. Abelskivers and raspberry jam topped off our otherwise healthy breakfast in Solvang the next morning. Do you see a pattern emerging?

#### Parting thoughts, parting shots

We installed a CB in our Miata, especially for this trip. If you already have one, you know how entertaining and essential it can be: weather reports delivered on the quarter-hour in a pleasant southern

accent, courtesy of Weather Girl Jill Wilson; directions even more frequent from Laurie; sweep-car re-assurances from Dennis and Maryanne Garon; and all manner of colorful comments about slow-moving OTMs with little comprehension of zoom-zoom.

Don't ask hypothetical questions about your friend's nearly empty fuel tank. Run leaders see right through it.

Don't invite the local "expert" to escort the caravan over *his* favorite roads. I think Bill Findley was working on dessert by the time we arrived at Big Bubba's Bad BBQ. Honest.

There are some great photos of the trip on a couple of websites. You'll recognize Bonnie and me in the red Miata ... it's easy to pick us out of the crowd because we're grinning ear-to-ear.

#### What's so special about a Miata?

As I've said many times, these cars are thoroughly unpretentious. They're mass-produced, so they're available and offer good value. It's the classic British roadster, only dependable. And they come in more exciting colors.

It's not an investment that needs to be stored in a vault; it's an investment in fun. It's about letting your hair down, or in my case, covering up your scalp with a cool-looking SDMC hat.

It's a car you can work on, personalize, and customize. Or not. Major services don't require taking out an equity loan to pay for them.

Driving a Miata is the most fun I've ever had driving an automobile. It's responsive to steering and throttle inputs, and communicates its limits pretty well. In a word, it's tossable.

It's more than just about the car, however. What makes a Miata special is the group of people attracted to this vehicle with similar intentions and feelings. It's the meetings, chatter, and activities with like-minded folks. It's about not taking ourselves too seriously. It's all about the fun.

# Madonna searchers uncork throttles and bottles

DEBBYE LEWIS

**I**t was high noon in the parking lot of the Madonna Inn's Wine Shop—an apropos meeting place if ever there was one—for the “Throttles and Bottles” wine country run. In they drove, some from the car show in Morro Bay, some from exploring local shops, and some from their rooms at the Madonna Inn. A virtual rainbow of Miatas, including a Merlot (aka Mahogany), all ready to take to the twisties of Paso Robles in search of a good time.



“Throttles and Bottles” run leader Bruce Lewis. Photo: Vicki Kiehl

After a short drivers meeting outlining the run and reminding us to taste, taste and spit, dump and drive, or, in other words, “don’t drink and drive,” we popped into our cars, tops down (do those tops even go up?), and headed north on 101 to our first stop of the “Throttles and Bottles” run, Doce Robles.

Bruce Lewis, our run leader, selected this as a stop because it is family owned and operated, their pricing is moderate, and they had dogs. You have to love dogs! The dogs were so old and so comfortable in their digs that you had to drive around them to park. They knew what most people don’t: Miata drivers are highly competent and compassionate people.

Upon parking our cars in a tree-shaded lot, we proceeded to step over the aforementioned canines and enter the tasting room. It was bright with the natural light of a perfectly sunny day, and there was an array of wine-related gift items neatly displayed throughout.

Bruce introduced himself and the club, and the proprietress swiftly lined up glasses all the way down the tasting bar. We moved in, like ducks to water, and enjoyed the process of tasting each wine that was poured. Bruce had arranged for the tasting fees to be waived, and Mary, the owner, allowed us to select the wines we wanted to taste without limit. Many people tried all of her wines, while some of us selected a few of interest. All of us seemed to have an inordinate amount of fun with good friends.

Soon enough, it was time to make our purchases and hit the road to the next stop on the run, Castoro Winery, just up the road. As we all drove up, jockeying for parking spots around the “Senior Wine Tour” bus, it was clear that this venue would be very relaxing. There was a beautiful gazebo covered with grapevines, and a lawn and patio spotted with bistro tables and chairs from which to enjoy the wine and the day. The main tasting room had an attached annex tasting room that had been set up for SDMC members. Again, Bruce had the tasting fees waived, and we were allowed to select any or all of the varietals that were available for tasting. While most members chose to stay in the tasting room, a few of the adventurous strolled over to the adjacent gallery where an art show was in progress.

We had more wine, appetizers that were out of this world (there



Sampling the wares at Doce Robles. Photo: Debbye Lewis

were pates, plump fresh strawberries, and a curry to die for), and treats like cookies and brownies. I do believe Bev and Chris Turner were successful in getting the recipe for the curry from its creator. (I think it was their accents that clinched it.)

We took napkins and loaded them up with the tasty fare, and, wine glasses in hand, we chose our tables, some in the shade, others in the sun. We settled in for relaxing views, much like Tuscany, and conversations.

All too soon it was time to get behind the wheel yet again and head to our third and final winery: Justin. Talk about beautiful, made-for-Miata roads! These roads were such a pleasure to drive, and the greenery was a welcome site for any San Diegan. While this road would have been most excellent to zip over, we took a leisurely pace (darn those OTMs), and enjoyed the ride. We arrived at Justin Winery a few minutes before our scheduled tasting, which gave us a chance to freshen up in the loo.

Because Justin has higher-end wines, instead of waiving our tasting fees, they were cut from \$15 to \$5, and they served hot-from-the-oven baguettes to go with our wines. Five wines were offered, and, while this tasting was presented outside, we were able to sit at an adjacent picnic table (thanks to the quick action of Steve and Paula

Kennison). We enjoyed a variety of cheeses purchased by some club members, and we were having the time of our lives. The view of the vineyards was lovely, and the adjacent azure pool had more than a few of us ready to dive in. Talk about a perfect day! Before we knew it, it was time to return to the twisties and complete the last leg of our wine country odyssey: Big Bubba's Bad BBQ!

It was a swift drive to Big Bubba's, and we were all lucky to grab parking spots. We arrived there before Steve and Laurie Waid's "Tour of San Luis Obispo" crowd, and we made use of the facilities and cold drinks. While the restaurant was a bit understaffed to handle our group, the servers were as pleasant and helpful as they could be.

Big Bubba's has excellent barbeque ranging from smoked ribs and pulled pork sandwiches (a personal favorite) to BBQ beef and beyond. You could tell from the noise before the meal and the lack of it during that most folks were having a finger-lickin' good time. The only drawback this year was the obvious absence of Ms. Kelley Raymond. Being a native Texan and a BBQ connoisseur, her quips were sorely missed by those of us who so enjoyed her attendance last year. Many of you may remember that Kelley was more than threatening to ride the mechanical bull at Big Bubba's. Well, remembering the great time from last year, Bruce snuck inside and snapped a photo of the mechanical bull as a memento for Kelley of the fun time we shared last year, and how we missed her this year.

The weather was perfect, the venues were perfect, the friendship was perfect, and the run was perfect. Thank you, Bruce, for putting this wonderful run together and allowing us all to taste some fun wines, enjoy good food, and hang out with some wonderful people. Days like this are truly few and far between. Hmm... I think I heard that someone (Kelley?) is planning another day of wine and roadsters. I can hardly wait.

## PSMCers prepare for Madonna

CINDY SMITH, PUGET SOUND MIATA CLUB

Sunscreen? Check. Hats? Check. Buy the new bathing suit? Ah, do I have to?

Getting ready for a B-I-G Miata event is always exciting. There's the packing, and the planning, and the anticipation of a new adventure. However, this time as I getting ready for eight days of Miata cruising, there has been an added level of gaiety around the house. It's called Stephanie, my youngest daughter, and she has volunteered to be my co-pilot in our Search for Madonna.

While Tom and I had promised Andrew and Dustin Locke we wouldn't miss their event no matter what (we RSVP'd a long time ago), work unfortunately got in the way. Now Tom has to stay home and it was looking like I was going to have to go by myself. But it was Stephanie to the rescue, and although it is sad that Tom can't go, I am thrilled that Stephanie will be joining me. Not only will it give us a chance for some "rebonding," but it will also give me the opportunity to actually drive. Yeah! Not that I don't mind rubbernecking or navigating, but most of you already know that, when Tom and I go on events, Tom drives. It wasn't always that way.

When we first got the 2000 Emerald Mica, it was supposed to be mine, and I drove it nine times out of ten. I made the mistake, though, of always asking Tom if he wanted to drive, and pretty soon it was a given that he was driving all the time! Oh, well. I guess it turned out for the best, as we discovered in that short time that I actually drove that Tom is really a bad navigator. Hence our favorite saying, "There are no wrong turns in a Miata." But, I digress.

It's been quite a while since Stephanie and I have "hung out" together. When she was little, she was always excited to go somewhere new or try something different. We had great fun together discovering New York City, horseback

riding, going to matinees, and just curling up on the couch watching shows like "Buffy, the Vampire Slayer," "Angel," and "Dawson's Creek." Then came boys, the Running Start Program, and independence! Once she was financially able, she moved out on her own and she hasn't looked back—much. She has been out enjoying and discovering life, just as every young, able-bodied adult needs to. Still, I've missed having her around.



Madonna and child? Stephanie and Cindy take time out from packing to pose for a photo. Photo: "Poppa" Tom Smith

This hasn't been an issue lately. In the last few weeks, Stephanie has been over here a lot while we have been poring over the maps, checking out hotels and tourist attractions, and finalizing our route back home. And what is really exciting for me is that we get to do a road trip together as adults! No more kicking the back of the car's front seat; no more heavy sighing as we visit boring relatives; and no more "Are we there yet?" piping up from the back seat every five minutes.

Instead, I'll be hearing, "Isn't it my turn to drive?" Oh, well. I have heard that Highway 1 is a great road for rubbernecking.

*Cindy Smith is the editor of the Puget Sound Miata Club's newsletter, Miata Sounder. This article was prepared prior to the Madonna tour.*



# Madonna searchers tour Hearst Castle

VICKI KIEHL

**W**e approached the castle by night. We divided into three groups, each with a knowledgeable leader. We walked up the steps past fountains to the pool area; the pool was *huge!* The columns around the pool with the setting sun were fabulous. During the talk from our leader (Mary), I could picture people sitting around relaxing, talking, and sipping a cool something or other.

As we entered the guesthouse, there was a lady sitting on the couch and reading. Dressed from the '30s era, she seemed very real.

We walked up more steps, past fountains, orange trees, and foliage to the main part of the castle. We

entered through beautifully carved doors to large tapestries, ornate statues, and artwork.

We again saw more people dressed in '30s attire. They were playing cards or dominoes, reading, and conversing. The men looked especially handsome and distinguished with their suits, vests, and long cigarettes. The women were dressed exquisitely for the evening. Their attire included hats with feathers, gloves, and furs. Magazines and newspapers from the '30s were on the tables.

We also walked by guests staying in the rooms. One was using an old typewriter; another was shaving with a straight razor, after which he

sipped from a metal flask (which was supposedly not allowed as the guests had their luggage checked for such upon arrival).

We proceeded up the spiral staircase to the boardroom of William Randolph Hearst. Our leader again enlightened us to the all-night work that was done there. That room, like the rest of the castle, was adorned with artwork, statues, and books.

We listened with interest as our leader continued with the lifestyle and stories about Hearst, his family, and mistress.

All in all, it was made to seem more real on the evening tour, especially with our tour guide and the guests from the castle.

## Viewpoints

### Search for Madonna 2006

The 2006 Search for Madonna was one of the best ever. From the moment we arrived until the moment we left, it was pure driving fun and Miata camaraderie. The photo links are proof that you will not want to miss the next Search.

Thanks to the Waids for planning and executing another great Miata weekend, and to everyone who participated in the 2006 Search. Jack and I had a terrific time.

—Sue Hinkle

Well, the 2006 Search officially ended when Mr. and Mrs. Trip Nazi pulled into our driveway at 3:30 on Monday afternoon. We were sun-drenched, happy, and tired. Our odometer told us that we had driven 920 miles doorstep-to-doorstep on The Search.

Thank you all for making the 2006 Search such a wonderful time for Laurie and me.

—Steve Waid

### Annual Meeting

After purchasing our 2001 Crystal Blue in December 2003, we joined SDMC the next month. This was our first Annual Meeting. We only wish our national elections were as smooth and harmonious, and gave out such nifty raffle prizes! The Automotive Museum in Balboa Park was the perfect venue and the catered food was great, as befitting the club's Mission Statement. It was obvious that many people went to a lot of effort to

organize the meeting. The guest speakers from Mazda were an added bonus, and we especially liked the sketch of the Speedracer Miata prototype.

—Jack and Jo Ann Frater

### Puke redux

First, let me explain what a Wunderbird is. They are a local Thunderbird club (the car, not the wine).

On Sunday, April 2, the Wunderbirds caravanned from Ramona to the Pine Hills Lodge in Julian for a brunch. There were only two late-model T-birds in the caravan; the old T-birds stay in the garage and come out only for display. We drove our 2001 Crystal Blue Miata instead.

While strolling Julian, we encountered a whole group of Miatas. We said hello to Linda Payne while she waited for traffic to clear. Who could miss those ghost flames on Crystal Blue? Later, after a jaunt back to Ramona, we couldn't resist driving up through the hills to Julian a second time on such a beautiful day. On the way up to Julian, we encountered another Puke 2006 group on their way down. I do believe that is us heading up the hill in the photo on page 4 of the May issue of Twists & Turns.

It was such a beautiful day that we continued through the Lagunas, where there were patches of snow on the ground, and through Deerhorn Valley to Chula Vista. In total, we drove 185 miles of backcountry roads that day.

—Clay and Irene White

## Letter to the Editor

I just about fell off of my seat when I read your article about club apathy and folding up the club ("The beginning of the end?" May 2006). I thought, "He hasn't been a member that long to be so brash and bold," as though the length of someone's membership accorded its owner special privileges. And let's face it; you were not PC in your comments or your article!

Well, I'm sick of being PC. It's being politically correct that is sailing this once-great nation right down the toilet, and maybe the same could be said of the apathy of many—dare I say most—of the members of SDMC. I think that while your comments were strongly worded and illustrated the worst case scenario, it is appar-

ently true that trying to get people to volunteer to do anything is, at best, like trying to sandpaper a bobcat's butt in a telephone booth!

Some people are too busy with calendars that are way too full to be healthy; some members have "already put in their time" and are too willing to rest on a job done so long ago most of the club doesn't even know of their contribution; and some just don't care enough to be bothered beyond a dinner at the monthly meeting, if they even attend the meetings at all.

And, sadly, so many are e-mail snipers who, behind the safety of their computers, feel brave enough to fire salvos at the people who are at least putting themselves and their ideas out there. While they are quick to write an e-mail condemning those who are contribut-

ing their time, it seems that they never take the same opportunity to write and contribute something positive towards filling up the pages of our newsletter. That is probably the sorriest situation of all.

I applaud your gutsy article and hope that this rattled some branches on the tree of apathy. Those who have volunteered in recent years and those who are new volunteers, as well as those who continue to volunteer, should be commended because without them there would be no activities, no newsletter, no leadership, and, most certainly, no club.

Thank you for caring enough to tell it like it is and put yourself out there to the character assassination that will surely follow.

—*Debbie Lewis*

## Here's your chance

LARRY CLARK, PRODUCTION EDITOR

**W**hen an opening was announced last November for a layout editor for the club's newsletter, I jumped at the opportunity. I felt this would be the perfect outlet for my spare time, combining three of my favorite interests: sports cars, computers, and language.

Having edited several other newsletters and magazines in the past, I knew what I was getting into. In fact, I was accustomed to doing the whole job myself, not just the layout portion.

At that time I hadn't even met Jerry Standefer. When I learned he was signing on as editor-in-chief, we got together over coffee to discuss editorial styles and philosophy. I was amazed to learn that we saw eye-to-eye on almost every topic. And when we began working together, I was impressed with his thoroughness and professionalism. He really makes my job easy.

Jerry gave me a free hand with the newsletter design, which we agreed was due for a facelift. That

made our first issue somewhat challenging. But now that the appropriate templates and style sheets are in place, the hardest part is behind us. I've been looking forward to continuing this for many months to come.

But things change—sometimes suddenly. Although this is only my fifth issue, we need to find my successor.

As you may know, I have experienced serious health problems. Within a few months, I may be unable to perform even the limited computer work this job entails. I want to stay on the job long enough to ensure a smooth transition, but time may be short. We need to fill the slot while I am still able to train my successor.

We use Microsoft Publisher (2003) to do the layout and Adobe Acrobat to create PDF files. The club provides the necessary software. You will be expected to provide a reasonably fast PC with a good display and (ideally) a broadband Internet

connection. (If you're a Mac person, we would need to investigate what software could be used, and the transition would be somewhat more difficult.)

Other than the hardware, the biggest requirements are a good general knowledge of computers and a healthy regard for the English language. (Jerry generally sends me files that have been well edited, but a second set of sharp eyes is always helpful.)

Depending on how many problems arise and how compulsive you want to be, you will probably spend about 8-20 hours on each issue. I like to spread this over several days, and our production schedule is reasonably relaxed.

If you've never taken a handful of files and turned them into a finished product like *Twists & Turns*, you cannot imagine the satisfaction it brings. This is an unbelievably interesting and rewarding job for the right person. Could that person be you?

# Annual Meeting celebrates club's 10th birthday

KELLEY RAYMOND

The San Diego Automotive Museum provided the site for the club's 10th annual meeting. Laurie and Jim Patton greeted meeting attendees with a program, a copy of the SDMC Membership Handbook, and a bag of specially-prepared M&Ms that read "SDMC 10 Years." Each attendee was also given one special raffle ticket, which, as we would eventually learn, entered us all into a pool for five separate drawings of \$100 cash prizes!

Mark Jordan and Tim Cupp from Mazda North American Operations talked about how the Miata was born. Not being a true "gearhead," I found the most fascinating part of the story that the concept and design of the first Miata were kept a secret from the Mazda "suits" for about two years! The team wanted to wait until they had the design and sales pitch just right, so that management couldn't possibly refuse to put their efforts into production.

Mark Booth presented a fabulous slide show, set to some great "car song" standards. After a moving introductory tribute to the car itself, the show took us on a pictorial history tour that highlighted many SDMC events over the last 10 years. Most of us were tapping our toes or bouncing to the beat as we laughed, pointed at the screen and elbowed the person sitting next to us, and reminisced. (Yes, Mark knows many of us enjoyed it so much that we

want to buy a copy of it. He's pondering how best to handle that without running afoul of copyright restrictions on the songs.)

President Sue Hinkle introduced SDMC's founding members, and we all showed our appreciation for their efforts of a decade ago with a loud and enthusiastic round of applause! Next, Sue introduced office holders and volunteers who had worked for the Club over the past year, and thanked them all with gifts and tokens of appreciation that included Olympic-style "gold medals" for their efforts.

The election of new officers was completed quickly and with little effort. With only one candidate per office volunteering, and Club members enthusiastically helping out with nominations and seconding of motions (not necessarily in Robert's Rules of Order sequence), the whole election took about 10 minutes. Congratulations to incumbents President Sue Hinkle and Secretary Brenda Kay on their respective second terms, and welcome to our new Treasurer, Judy Ryan. Larry Clark was elected as the new Vice President; unfortunately he has subsequently resigned due to health concerns. The SDMC sends its heartfelt hopes and best wishes to the Clarks during the coming months.

During all the hustle and bustle, Regalia "bidness" was good! Linda Payne and Mary Clark racked up more than \$350 in sales, with anniversary shirts going like hotcakes. Pins and decals also sold well.

Next, it was on to what this club does best: eat! Brenda Kay had arranged for a humdinger of a spread, with all the trimmings, from Pat & Oscars. I helped myself to a combo platter with at least



What's a birthday party without a cake? Ours sported the club's 10th Anniversary logo. Photo: Jerry Standefer

one of everything: chicken wings, ribs, pasta, and both of the yummy salads. Then I bellied up (literally!) to the dessert table, where I repeated my combo strategy by having one piece of each of the different kinds of cake. They were equally delicious, and I was deservedly miserable for about the next four hours.

For the first time since I joined the Club more than a year ago, Scott Lewis did *not* win half of the raffle items! I wasn't the only one who was shocked. Everybody took turns hollering at Jack Hinkle to wake up and check his numbers, and Tom Thompson won a set (in separate drawings, no less, what a feat!) of lovely matching handbags from Geri's Bazaar. Helen Sharp won \$100 and didn't hesitate a New York minute before showing us all that she keeps her cash close to her heart!

Thanks to everyone who helped put on such a terrific event! Special thanks to Mazda North American Operations for their financial support of the Annual Meeting, and for providing the guest speakers. Thanks to the vendors and members who donated the great raffle prizes, and to the members who worked so diligently to solicit them. Thanks to Brenda Kay for arranging the scrumptious lunch, and to all of the folks who helped set up and clean up before and after the meeting.

Like *all* SDMC activities, this couldn't have happened—much less been so successful—without *everyone's* help.



Mark Jordan describes some of the early prototypes of the first-generation Miata. Photo: Jerry Standefer

# Member Discounts

**M**any vendors offer discounts to Miata Club members. The club does not endorse these vendors, but lists them as a membership benefit. Some offers may require you to show a current SDMC membership card.

Businesses that wish to be listed must offer a discount from their normal retail prices to SDMC members. Listings are limited to five lines (about 30-35 words). Contact NEWSLETTER@SANDIEGOMIATA.CLUB.ORG for more information.

## Automotive Services

**Allen's Wrench.** Mazda Master Technician. 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. Contact: Jeff Hartmayer. Discount: Fleet discount on all products.

**Bumper Express.** Plastic bumper repair at shop or mobile truck will come to you. 9630 Black Mountain Rd., Ste. J, off Miramar Rd. 877-228-6737. WWW.BUMPEREXPRESS.COM. Discount: 20%

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

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

**Geris Bazaar.** Custom deck bags, boot bags, travel bags. Maximize the space in your trunk. Contact: Geri Causarano. 828-400-1673. WWW.GERIS-BAZAAR.COM. Substantial savings to club members.

**Good-Win Racing LLC.** Miata intakes, exhausts, shocks, springs, & goodies from

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**Just Dings Ltd.** Mobile paintless dent removal. 858-569-3464. Discount: 15%

**Kesler Customs.** Miata chassis braces, adjustable dead pedals, hide-away license plate brackets. Installation of aftermarket parts, fabrication, light welding. Ted Kesler, 619-421-8472. Special club prices.

**Knobmeister Quality Images.** 3595 Gray Circle, Elbert, CO 80106-9652. Joe Portas, JOE@KNOBMEISTER.COM. 303-730-6060.

**Langka Corp.** Guaranteed paint chip and scratch repair system. Cleaning, detailing, and restoration products. 800-945-4532. WWW.LANGKA.COM. Discount: 30%.

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

**Lutz Tire & Service.** Alignment specialist, tires. 2853 Market Street, San Diego. 619-234-3535. Ask for Mike. Discount: 10% on parts (tires not included).

**Magnolia Auto Body.** Restorations, body work. 476 West Main Street, El Cajon. 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% on Porterfield & Hawk brake pads; \$10 off rotors; \$9.25 for Motul 600 brake fluid (1 pint).

**Smog Squad.** 3342 Rosecrans, San Diego. 619-223-8806. General Manager: Jose Munoz. Discount: \$10 on smog tests.

**Team Voodoo.** Nearly legendary shift knobs, t-shirts, hats, decals, etc. VBOB@TEAMVOODOO.COM or fax 858-679-9484. Discount: 10% and no sales tax.

**Thompson Automotive.** Cool accessories for our cool cars; oil filter relocation kits,

gauge kits, air horns, brakes, Voodoo knobs, & MORE. WWW.THOMPSON-AUTOMOTIVE.COM. 949-366-322. Discount: 10%

**Tri-City Paint.** Professional detailing, products, paint, airbrushes, car covers. West Miramar Area: 858-909-2100; Santee, Mission Gorge: 619-448-9140. Discount: Body shop pricing #CM6660.

**WheelStore.** Wheels, tires, suspension, alignment. 208 S. Coast Hwy., Oceanside. 760-967-1336. Contact: Joe Jordan. Discount: Wholesale price on tires; \$10 off alignments.

## Mazda Dealerships

**Bell Road Mazda.** Phoenix. 800-765-5292. Ask for John Mardueno or Scott Moehn. Discount: 20% on Mazda parts and accessories.

**Mazda of Escondido.** 760-737-3200. Discount: 15% on parts and labor (not including smog certification.)

**Westcott Mazda.** National City. 619-474-1591. Discount: 10% on parts or labor (except oil changes).

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**Coldwell Banker Real Estate.** David T. Bryan, Realtor. 619-334-4625. DAVIDBRYAN@COLDWELLBANKER.COM. Free market analysis. No transaction fees for SDMC members or referrals!

**Rosin & Associates.** Attorneys at law. Accidents, insurance issues, general civil law. No recovery, no fee. Anita Rosin, anita.rosin@rosinlaw.com. 619-543-9600. Discount: 10% on attorneys fees.

## Thanks to Mazda, vendors, and club members

SUE HINKLE, PRESIDENT

The San Diego Miata Club membership expresses their gratitude and appreciation to Mazda for sponsoring the club's 10th Annual Meeting. Mazda's sponsorship made it possible to have a special Annual Meeting celebrating our 10th Anniversary with all of the trimmings.

I would like to extend special thanks to our guest speakers, Mark Jordan and Tim Cupp from Mazda

North American Operations, who provided special presentations on the new MX-5, a history on the evolution of the Mazda Miata, and details about the new MX-5 Racing Series.

I would also like to thank those vendors and club members who supported our Annual Meeting raffle with donated items, gift certificates, and cash prizes:

**Mazda North American Operations**  
**Clearwater Company**  
**The Crazy Red Italian**  
**Dennstedt's Auto Repair**  
**Geris Bazaar**  
**Meguiar's**  
**Thompson Automotive Products**  
**Team Voodoo**  
**Mark and Cathy Booth**  
**Jack and Sue Hinkle**  
**Brenda Kay**  
**Steve and Paula Kennison**  
**Jay Minnich**  
**Kelley Raymond**

# Classified Ads

## MIATAS FOR SALE

2004 Mazdaspeed MX-5. 4,000 miles, like new. Velocity Red metallic paint, factory red/black two-tone interior, factory turbocharger, 6-spd manual transmission, factory Mazdaspeed suspension, Bose audio system with wind blocker speakers. This car has the best of everything Mazda has ever put on a Miata. The car is absolutely perfect. \$21,565 Kelley Blue Book retail value; \$19,485 private party value. Offers? Jan Wagner. JWAGNER2@SAN.RR.COM (Jun)

## PARTS FOR SALE

Various parts. 1.6 engine long nose crank, 78,000 miles, \$400. It's complete, but has some damage internally. 10AE seats, \$500. Lots of suspension and other parts, 1990 to 1999. One set of black cloth 2006 seats, a black top, and other miscellaneous parts (take offs from 2006 spec Miata race cars). Wally Stevens, 619-232-2801

ext. 313; or evenings 619-234-2858. Note new E-mail address: WALLYMIATA@GMAIL.COM (May)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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).

Classified ad space is provided at no cost to *SDMC members only*. Ads must include first and last names, telephone number, and e-mail address, which must agree with current club roster.

Send ads to [NEWSLETTER@SANDIEGOMIATACLUB.ORG](mailto:NEWSLETTER@SANDIEGOMIATACLUB.ORG). Ads will run for four months unless canceled, and may be revised and resubmitted.

## Anniversary Regalia

**NEW.** Celebrate our 10th anniversary with these static-cling decals. Easy on, easy off. Size: 5¼" x 3". Just \$5 each.



We still have a few commemorative T-shirts. White with blue logo on front and back. \$10 each (\$11 for XXL and XXXL).



To see our additional products, visit us at the website. To place an order, please contact [REGALIA@SANDIEGOMIATACLUB.ORG](mailto:REGALIA@SANDIEGOMIATACLUB.ORG) or visit us at the monthly meeting.

—Linda Payne and Mary Clark, Regalia Team

## Sign up for Meguiar's Day

Meguiar's will host a car-care clinic for SDMC on Saturday, September 9. This hands-on, how-to class will cover the basics of detailing as well as some advanced techniques. Participants will also receive a nice goody bag with Meguiar's products.

The event is limited to 30 cars. You must pre-register by (1) registering as a member of the Meguiar's Forum ([WWW.MEGUIARSONLINE.COM](http://WWW.MEGUIARSONLINE.COM)), and (2) clicking on that site's calendar, choosing September 9, and responding to a message that is linked from that date.

A tour from the Ralph's in Oceanside will leave at 7:30 a.m. Meguiar's will serve donuts and coffee at 8:30 a.m. The class will start at 9:00 a.m. and will continue throughout the day. Pizza and sodas will be served for lunch.

For further information, contact Ken Hurd at 858-536-4040 (w) or 858-229-6105 (cell).

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| Fri 6/2 & Fri 7/7             | Cruisin' Grand                 | 6:00 p.m. (dinner)<br>7:00 p.m. (cruise)   | Tom's #23, Centre City Pkwy & 5th St., Escondido | Steve Waid<br>760-432-0727  | 8    |
| Sat 6/3                       | Greatest Show on Turf          | 7:00 a.m. (registered)<br>9:00-2:30 (show) | Balboa Park                                      | Mark Booth<br>619-670-3789  | 8    |
| Sat-Sun 6/3-4, 7/1-2, 7-29-30 | SCCA Autocross                 | 9:00 a.m.                                  | Qualcomm Stadium                                 | WWW.SDR-SCCA.COM/SOLO2      |      |
| Sun 6/11, 6/18, 6/25          | Cruise-In to County Fair       | 10:00 a.m.                                 | Albertson's, Via de la Valle east of I-5         | Mark Booth<br>619-670-3789  | 9    |
| Wed 6/14 & Sat 6/17           | Miatas at County Fair Car Show | 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.                        | Del Mar Fairgrounds                              | Mark Booth<br>619-670-3789  | 9    |
| Thu 6/22, Thu 7/27            | SDMC Monthly Meeting           | 6:00 p.m. (eat)<br>7:00 p.m. (meet)        | Boll Weevil Restaurant, Clairemont Mesa Bl.      | Sue Hinkle<br>760-735-9456  | 3    |
| Sun, 7/9                      | Garden Party Run               | TBA  | TBA  | Linda Payne<br>858-560-4272 |      |
| Sat, 7/15                     | Twilight Fun Run               | TBA  | TBA  | Mark Booth<br>619-670-3789  |      |