



# TWISTS & TURNS

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## MIATAS 101: HOT ROD STUFF

### Speed is money. How fast you wanna go?

Ted Kesler

Last month we built a solid handling, nice riding chassis. Now the fun starts. We go under the hood, make everything louder (if you like) faster, more powerful, louder, stronger and maybe louder.

A little Miata history. These things are "parts cars". In this case sports car bodies built on careful selection from the existing Mazda parts bin. Virtually all the running gear is from some other larger, (think about it) stronger vehicle. The 1.6 and 1.8 engines, in NA and NB cars, are practically bullet proof. The 1.6 was a 323 turbo motor turned sideways, and the 323 Turbo was the Mazdaspeed of it's day. Clutches and transmissions

(with a few exceptions, see Miata Forum) are excellent and indestructible below about 6 lbs of boost, keep reading. The Torsen diffs are wonderful. Those are good things. Unless you have a real Jones to change parts to say you did, don't bother getting into the engine bottom end, transmission or differential.

Here's the other "good" thing. Mazda built both engines so well that simple bolt on goodies may be largely cosmetic. Add looks; yes. Add power; maybe not so much. With an excellent fuel injection system, an above average exhaust "manifold", and a complete stainless system to the tail pipe, what ya gonna do? At least one guy in the club dyno'd his NA before and after a sh\*tload of bolt-ons and actually lost power. Really!

Why is that good? Because if you're a "drive it like you stole it" kind of guy, you already own the perfect car. That's all you have to do under the hood, drive it like you stole it!

And remember where you live; KALIFORNIA. Here your stock car will probably smog OK. Once you start adding or deleting things connected to the engine, California Air Resources Board (CARB) may want to get involved. These are mostly not nice people when their

regulations are involved. Do your homework!

"But I want to get under there! Look at all the shiny, cool stuff Eddy has on his car! I want some too!"

Read on, Pilgrim.

### INTAKES: get the air in.

And the aftermarket has a ton of them. Red ones, green ones, cold air, hot air, round ones, straight ones, blue ones, crooked ones, big filters, small filters, down, square, whatever your wallet can stand, you can bolt right up! And you will for sure hear the difference and maybe feel the throttle tip-in a fraction sooner. But they all feed the intake air through the stock air flow sensor and throttle body, the sizes of which remain unchanged. Think about that.

Cold Air Intakes (CAI's) get theoretically cooler air from somewhere outside the engine compartment. Cooler air is better, denser, whatever. It's an old 'rodders trick, ice the carb at the strip, remember? Great theory. The problem is, you're simply (maybe) drawing ambient, not under-hood air. And at about 1 hp per 9 degree temp decrease, you need 50 degrees or so difference to maybe start feelin' it.

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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> (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

As of August 15, 2007 there are 245 memberships (86 single, 159 dual) and a total of 404 members.

Welcome to newest memberships – 4 (since last newsletter):

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## 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 each for badges with safety-pin closures, or \$11 each for badges with magnetic fasteners. Prices include shipping to your home.

Sue Hinkle 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.

## 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, September 27**

## Who's next?

If you would like to have your profile published in *Twists & Turns*, call Kelley Raymond at 619-846-3784 or send e-mail to [kray63@yahoo.com](mailto:kray63@yahoo.com).

To preview the list of questions Kelley uses to start her interviews, visit SDMC's web site ([www.sandiegomiataclub.org](http://www.sandiegomiataclub.org)), click the link "Club and Car Info," then the link "Member Profile Sheet."

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## 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

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Sept 22, 2007:**

**DETAILS TO FOLLOW:**  
**Mazda North America**  
**Operations Port tour**

Start Time: 10:00 AM  
Place: National City

Contact: Les Smith [lessmith@san.rr.com](mailto:lessmith@san.rr.com)



**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**NOVEMBER 4, 2007.**

The Garons are working on an idea for a rally - with driving, fun and prizes. . . ending with a dinner or picnic to benefit local youth soccer players with a scholarship in their son's name, the Gregg M. Garon memorial scholarship. Details to come!

If you'd like to help, please email the Garons at [dmgaron@cox.net](mailto:dmgaron@cox.net)



## The Prez Sez

**HAROLD SCHWARTZ, PRESIDENT**

Well, here it is, already September and summer is just about over. This is a good time of the year in San Diego when the crowds have all gone back home and we get our bays and beaches back. Sounds like a good time to have a Saturday night picnic at the beach. I think we had a really nice summer beginning with our annual picnic, the car show on the bay at Marina Park, Kelly leading some members to the drive-in where there is always two top run movies playing, and Mark's awesome twilight run that was about as perfect an outing as we could wish for. For those who didn't make it, the part of the run down Sunrise Highway coincided with a beautiful sunset over the mountains. As we turned to go into Pine Valley the full moon greeted us over our shoulder. The run concluded with our final stop at a DQ for some well-deserved ice cream.

I know we could use some rain in bad

way but what and ideal summer for those of us who are lucky enough to own and drive the world's most fun car, the Miata, with lots of top down weather.

I'm would like to see some other members come forward and plan a run for the fall or winter. You can earn your magnetic signs the way Kelly was able to earn hers for the drive in movie run. Thanks Kelly I hear it was awesome. Also, remember you only have until December 31 to be eligible for one of Mark Booth's DVD of the prior years of SDMC.



Be safe out there and I hope to see you at an upcoming meeting or event.

# Coming Events

## Cruisin' Grand

First Friday of each month, April–September  
6:00 p.m. for dinner, 7:00 p.m. to cruise

**Meet:** Tom's #23 restaurant in Escondido  
SW corner of Centre City Pky and 5th St.)

**Contact:** Steve & Laurie Waid, 760-432-0727,  
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### Details:

On Friday nights from April through September, Escondido opens up Grand Ave. 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 the Waids' house for dessert. This will be a full evening of car fun for car people.



## Coronado Speed Festival Car Show

**Dates:** October 6th & 7th

**Time:** 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM (0800 to 1600)

Staged on the runways and taxiways of **NAS North Island** with Navy aircraft and ships in the background, the **Coronado Classic Speed Festival** featured over 200 of the world's top racing machines from years gone by competing on a spectator-friendly 1.6 mile course. These vintage racecars are chosen to compete on the basis of their historical significance and certified authenticity. In addition to the racing action, you can tour Vendor Village, the **Meguiar's Car Club Corral** and the New Car Dealers Association Classic Car Collection

More info: <http://fleetweeksandiego.org/coronadospeedfestival/carshow.html>

This link has a link to a registration form.

## MotorHeadMadness Classic Car Show

Saturday, September 15, 2007

Start Time: 8:00 AM

Interested in showing off your Miata and having a really good time? Do you like food, music and prize giveaways? Well we know of an event that will include all of this and more...

MotorHeadMadness.com is presenting their 6th annual Classic Car Show to be held Saturday, September 15, 2007 @ 13993 Poway Road, Poway, Ca. (Poway Transmissions large parking lot) Karen Dunn, the Coordinator for the event has extended an invitation to the SDMC and all interested Miataphiles to participate in the car show. They have also offered that if a minimum of 10 Miatas pre-register before July 1st that MotorHeadMadness.com will open a Miata Class

We have met this criteria and a Miata class will be opened and three trophies, 1st, 2nd & 3rd place will be awarded. There will also be a designated show area made available for the Miatas to show as a group. You must pre-register to insure that your car shows with the group. If you register on the day of show there is a chance you will not show with the group.

There is a \$20.00 pre-registration fee or \$25.00 day of show. Spectators are of course FREE. Registration will include 1 "T"-shirt, (extra shirts \$12.00 ea. But you must register before 9/1/07 so that "T"-shirts can be ordered in time for the show) 2 lunches, 1 dash plate, 1 goody bag. From what we understand they put together a really nice goody bag. All proceeds will benefit The Soroptimist International. The first 50 cars to register will be eligible to be in the Poway Parade. There is a very limited amount of space left in the parade.

8am-8:30 Parade Cars meet at Michael's/Computing  
101 Parking lot

9am-10 Non Parade Cars Register at Poway Transmissions

9am-11 Poway Parade

2pm Raffle drawing & Award Ceremony

For more information and to download a registration form go to [http://www.powaytransmission.com/motorhead\\_madness\\_2007.htm](http://www.powaytransmission.com/motorhead_madness_2007.htm)

If you cannot download a form we will be at the August monthly meeting with registration forms for those interested in participating in this fun event.

There will be many vendors and concessions. A live band called "The Strikers" will be there. The PT Cruisers already have a class open to them, so let's all get together and have some great fun. Show off our SDMC Spirit! And our passion for the world's greatest Roadster, The MAZDA MX-5 MIATA!

## MIATAS 101

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Mostly you just can't. As in; cooler than... what? More power... when?

Ranting on; commercial Miata CAI's have proven fragile and/or expensive. DIY versions (even the "Randall style" I carefully engineered and built) are usually even more flow restrictive than the stock system due to lack of space on the firewall for a larger inlet opening. But whatever their actual value, they've been a wonderful source of amusement on most of the performance automotive forums for years.

### EXHAUST: get the burned stuff out

Stock engines have "manifolds" and hot rods have "headers" the former is historically cast iron and the latter is bent tubes. Manifolds last forever but are heavy, ugly and restrictive. Headers flow much better, and are lighter and louder. Miatas have a sort of stock header; good stuff but prone to cracking, and not pleasing to see under your shiny hood.

The after market headers for Miatas all flow much better than stock, and come in several finishes and prices. Some are smog legal in California, some maybe... They are all an easy bolt up to all exhaust systems, and they're real purty!

The catalytic converter bolts to the end of the header. Cats flow stock or better ("high flow") and are a required smog part in CA.

The "cat back" system is where the sound really changes and your imagination begins, single outlet, double outlet, loud, softer, chrome, stainless, louder, plain black, really loud, your call. Almost by definition after-market cat-backs flow better

than stock. That can move the torque band and add possibilities for later mods, read on.

What does all this do? It probably makes your car sound faster. Er, louder. Or maybe MUCH louder, raspier, throatier, cracklier, dronier, I'm running out of adjectives. Listen, listen, listen, before you buy! Try to score a ride in a car with a sound you like. A system that rolls your socks down from the curb may literally roll your socks down inside the car too. It's real easy to buy/build yourself an expensive headache.

Example: Laurie Waid's Buzer has a turbo cat back system but no turbo to take the edge off the sound. I love it, from the curb. How she stands it from the seat...? But then I don't drive the wee yellow beast, do I? Daffodils Rule!

### GET YOU SOME ACTUAL POWER INCREASE

Miata power mods start out easy cheap and largely decorative at the bolt-on level. Hundred\$ mostly for decoration and loud. For real GO, prices can start at several thousand \$\$ (including installation) for head work and accessories, then whatever your ego can stand (\$5-\$8K easy, plus installation) for a full house blower or turbo system and all the right trimmings. Prices here are ball park at best.

### 3 REAL WAYS TO ADD POWER.

#### 1) PORT POLISH AND BOWL BLEND

The stock Miata intake manifold, cylinder head and combustion chambers are made to meet a budget (below Ferraris, aren't they all?) and respond well to plain ol' American hot rod tricks. This procedure is really misnamed. Early 'rodders figured if a little shaping

was good, a mirror polish was REALLY good. Actually a nice satin finish surface is best, but the early name stuck. What we really do here is smooth the bumpy inside of the cast aluminum intake, match the transition across the gasket into the cylinder head, and smooth the inside of that (port match and "polish"). Then improve the valve seats if needed, gently re-shape the combustion chamber (bowl blend), and port match again across the gasket into the new exhaust header you just bought. The work is all done by hand with an air grinder, and measured on a "flow bench". If you have these two tools you can do this part yourself.

Miatas gain about 20% better flow through the worked areas. That adds enough power throughout the rev range to turn 2nd gear turns into 3<sup>rd</sup> gear sweepers. Reduced turbulence lets the engine pull much, much harder all the way to the rev limiter. Kinda like you took 400 lbs out of the trunk. The work is invisible to all smog controls and does it's job perfectly on 87 octane gas and 14 degree timing advance.

While the head's at the shop, (about \$800) do a 60k tune up (timing belt/water pump, etc. etc.) and save money! You really can do this whole job yourself (the 5<sup>th</sup> time) but Rocky makes it look sooooo simple.

#### 2) TURBOCHARGERS 3) SUPERCHARGERS

This is the nutshell introduction to forced induction; "F.I.". The reality is infinitely more complicated and costly. Please don't buy one of these things on my say so. It's not nearly this easy in the real world! And read the ads with a jaundiced eye. Actual power gains with these things are subject to way too many variables. These ads are a very large ballpark!

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SUPERCHARGERS use a belt from the crank to power one of several different style air pumps to shove extra air into the cylinders. TURBOs use the exhaust gasses to spin a turbine wheel that adds the "Boost". Drag racers use Superchargers (blowers), Champ Cars, and diesels use Turbos. For Miatas both systems range from mechanically fairly simple to Full Rube Goldberg, and from just expensive to Oh My Golly! Power increases run from enough to notice, to... Cosmic!

All are sold "plus installation" (\$80+/hr.) and while the basic (5 lbs ?) systems are sorta DIY friendly, above that you probably need a pro. Remember, aftermarket FI systems are not covered under your car's warranty and will eat your motor in a heartbeat when they malfunction or you miscalculate. It's all you, baby! Ask around the club for some real expensive FI stories!

Some are legal in California, some are not, but all put you somewhat at the whim of wherever you go for smog cert. Even fully legal systems can be an interesting day with the smog dudes.

Above the basic 5 lb systems they all require a computer chip addition/change to fool the stock computer, and all require a certain amount of tuning after installation. Turbos can require A LOT of (piggy-back/link computer) tuning. Turbos also create a softball sized lump of red hot glowing iron just above their own custom exhaust manifold. Control of under-hood temps are a constant factor.

All require at least 91 octane gas, and when in boost somewhat more of it. OK, maybe a whole lot more!

At the levels of power increase easily obtainable with FI, the rest of

the drive train will certainly be overstressed and this will need to be considered in (and paid for in) your quest for speed. Count on a new (and stronger) clutch real soon. And you're gonna have to stop the beast you've created; Big Brakes! And more tires! And tickets! And...!

Sorta bottom line on power upgrades.

Most bolt-ons in whatever combination will make your car louder. The right combos can actually move the power band some. And if you bolt them up yourself you'll have that satisfying sense of bonding with your ride.

Head work (port matching etc.) gives measurable improvement in the air flow through the engine, thus actual power increases. Headwork is true one-stop power up-grade. No stress, no mess, no smog. And when combined with routine maintenance requirements can be done relatively cheap. Talk to Larry Dennstedt.

Superchargers are generally simpler to install than turbos. and add their power at lower RPM. They usually cost less initially but full systems will top out about the same. Jackson Racing and Flyin' Miata have known quality, excellent reputations and sell several levels of upward ouch! Both have been around a while. Fast Forward is newer to the scene and has done some excellent engineering on their "Cold Side" blower. There are others, do your homework!

Turbo systems can be infinitely complicated, high maintenance, and very powerful. Flyin' Miata is the industry leader, and has a range of systems bordering on fantasy. You want it, they got it. FM has been called THE Miata turbo source.

FI conclusion: Big forced induction power changes everything but the car's paint, and is addictive. Be glad you're into Miatas. You can buy another whole car for what a

true power freak can break in a day. This level of performance is not for the faint of heart.

My ride? I thought you'd never ask.

'96 Miata. Everything from chapter 1. Big fat high flow foam air filter. Stock intake cross pipe. Port polish and bowl blend. Header. High flow Cat. Single outlet cat-back. 14 degree timing. 87 octane gas. That's it! How much? About \$11K total! YMMV!

Speed is money, how fast YOU wanna go?

### Memberships by Miata Color:

- 80 Red
- 35 White
- 23 Black
- 15 Silver
- 11 Yellow
- 10 Emerald Green
- 10 Sapphire Blue
- 9 Copper Red
- 8 Montego Blue
- 7 Mariner Blue
- 6 BRG
- 6 Mahogany
- 5 Galaxy Grey
- 5 Titanium
- 5 Twilight Blue
- 4 Crystal Blue
- 4 Midnight Blue
- 3 Highland Green
- 3 Merlot
- 2 Garnet
- 2 Laguna Blue
- 2 Marina Green
- 2 Splash Green
- 2 Starlight Blue
- 2 Stormy Blue
- 2 Strato Blue
- 2 Winning Blue
- 1 Laser Blue
- 1 Razor Blue
- 1 Custom Paint
- 3 Unreported

# Kelley Does the Santee Drive-In

## Debbye Lewis

The Chicken Pie Diner was the site of the start of the now infamous “Kelley Does The Santee Drive-In Run” and as we arrived, we could count the Miatas as they pulled in to enjoy dinner and camaraderie before the run was to begin.

Most of those participating came for dinner first and there was, as there always is, much to talk and laugh about. The lone waitress did her best as she hustled about getting beverages, meals and collecting money. She was eventually joined by another server and we all were able to eat, pay our bills and visit the restroom before the run began.

Kelley called a driver’s meeting just before 6pm and we were introduced to Joochi (a Miata owner from Poway now living in Geneva, Switzerland) and her boyfriend who were participating as guests. She also called for a vote on which movies to see, as the Santee Drive-In has two screens. “The Simpson’s Movie” and “I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry” won out over “Underdog” and the newest Harry Potter movie.

Then it was time for the presentation of magnetics to Kelley for her car, BB (short for Black Beauty). Kelley was beaming as she accepted her magnetics. More than a few cameras were clicking away to catch her proud moment. After a reminder to be safe and that this would be a leisurely run, we headed out onto Pomerado Road and zeroed out our odos.

The run was just under 50 miles and included the twists and turns of

Highland Valley Road, Hwy. 67 up through Ramona, and down Wildcat Canyon Road into Lakeside and then into Santee. We made it in plenty of time to set up our chairs, visit the snack bar and restrooms and make it back just as Kelley was getting ready to hand out the goodie bags she made. WOW! Popcorn, Goldfish, Rice Krispie Treats, candy and gum...enough to last you through both movies! Most moviegoers brought or bought a little something to eat too so we just settled in and awaited sundown for the movies to begin.

Because Kelley is from Texas, she instigated a “You Might Be A Redneck If”...joke contest. There were many a great joke but based on laughter and the number of jokes that Larry Clark shared, he won the prize: A Redneck Tool Kit complete with duct tape, oily rag, bailing wire and two cans of Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer and a “seegar” to smoke while Larry watches Mary change the oil!!!

Hmmm...one wonders if the rest of us really “lost” all that much.

During the first feature, “The Simpson’s Movie”, laughter could be heard from the rows of Miata Club Members. Whether you love the Simpson’s or hate them, you know



Photo by Debbye Lewis

the writers riddled the movie with bits and gags that almost anyone could relate to, and chuckle we did. There may be a fine line between funny and down-right stupid and rest assured, “The Simpson’s Movie” crossed that line more than once.

Many, if not most folks, stayed for the second feature, “I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry” which was funny, serious, sensitive and finished strong by reminding us that truth and friendship will overcome adversity.

Creeping up on the midnight hour and the rest of us were on the road again to the north, south, east and west of San Diego County, heading home to a cozy bed and a good night’s sleep.

Congratulations on earning your magnetics, Kelley, and thank you for giving the club a fantastic night at the drive-in movies. You could tell by the jokes and laughter how much fun we all had.



## Kelley Does the Santee Drive-In

Photos by  
Barry Billingsley



**Top Left:** Waiting for the movie

**Left Center:** Keegan Garon urges Grandpa Dennis Garon to “go faster” while Grandma Maryanne and brother Cade wait nearby in “Best Yellow”

**Bottom Left:** The Lewises and Sue Hinkle have a laugh at the Chicken Pie Diner.

**Right:** Bruce Lewis prepares to give Kelley her magnetics.

# SDMC Shows Off Again

In February of this year SDMC appeared at the monthly car show at Dalton's Roadhouse and wowed the participants with a remarkable turnout of over 40 Miatas. That kind of a showing does not go unnoticed. As SDMC's representative to the Car Club Council of San Diego, I overheard comments at the monthly council meetings stating what a remarkable turnout we had.

Again in June, at the Greatest Show on Turf, SDMC appeared with 15 cars. More importantly we had over 20 volunteers help in the execution of the very successful show in Balboa Park that helps support the Auto Museum. Again, it did not go unnoticed.

At the SDMC June monthly meeting, Craig Moya of the Corvette Owners Club of San Diego, came

and formally invited SDMC to participate as a club in the Main Street America Charity Car Show at Embarcadero Park.

Fast forward. On July 29<sup>th</sup> SDMC put together one of the best car displays that I have seen. With over 20 Miatas, we showed to the car viewing public what ZOOM ZOOM means. We had on display several representatives of each of the three Miata generations. We had two RHT versions, one Mazdaspeed, several highly personalized Miatas, and a motorsports section. The motorsports section centered in the display included five autocross cars and one Spec Miata. The banner displayed said, "On any given Sunday more Mazdas are road raced than any other car. And most of those are Miatas...ZOOM ZOOM." We looked great.

As it turned out we did not win the trophy for most participation by a club because the East County Cruisers registered 26 cars the last week. Regardless, special recognition goes to Kurt Schwartz and Alan Kagan for being awarded Best Miata and runner-up respectively. Special thanks go to Kevin Haywood for trailering his Spec Miata from Valley Center to put it on display and anchor the motorsports section.

All I can say in closing is that the San Diego Miata Club is becoming a very desirable invitee to car functions around the county. The very prestigious Coronado Independence Parade, car shows, and whatever is next tells me that ZOOM ZOOM is understood by more and more car people around the county all the time.



**(Editor's Note:** The Main Street America car show at Embarcadero Park was the first time my granddaughter, Hannah Reese, was allowed to have a "real" ride in a Miata, from Escondido on the freeway and all. I asked her to describe the car show in her own words. She loves to write stories, so the next time I saw her, she handed me her story, carefully written on notebook paper, for me to publish. Her dad is a magazine editor, as well as a former Marine Captain and Escondido police officer, so her writing skills seem to be natural. I hope you enjoy the car show through the eyes of a seven year old "girlie girl". If not, indulge this proud Grammy.)

## Papa's Car Show at Seaport Village by Hannah Reese

One day I went to a car show at Seaport Village. Our Grammy drove me there in her Miata, Buzer. It is my favorite.

At the car show, my Grammy took us to a store called "Kite Flite". We bought a frog kite and my papa helped me to fly it. Then we sat down and had a snack. After that, we went to get lunch. My brother Mason and I fed the birds French fries and they loved them. After that, we looked inside stores, then went to a little stand that did face painting. They also did arm painting, so I got my arm painted with a sparkly butterfly. It was very cool and I loved it.

At the car show my grampa won a car cleaning kit. I had car soap, and brushes to scrub it with. One of my Grammy and Papa's friends won first place in the car show. We also saw some yachts in the water near the cars.

On the way home my brother and I got to talk to each other with the walky talky radio. It was a blast. We had so much fun. I think Seaport Village is really cool, and I love riding in Grammy's Buzer.



# 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@sandiegomiataclub.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.

**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.

**Geri's 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 Racing Beat, Moss, and more. *www.goodwin-racing.com*. 858-775-2810. Special club price on everything.

**Hawthorne Wholesale Tire.** Tires, wheels, brakes, and suspension. 877 Rancheros Dr., San Marcos. 760-746-6980. Discount: 10%

**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.

**Thompson Automotive.** Cool accessories for our cool cars; oil filter relocation kits, gauge kits, air horns, brakes, Voodoo knobs, & MORE. *www.thompson-automotive.com*. 949-366-0322. 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.

**World Famous Car Wash.** Complete professional car care. Complete detail, hand wax, leather treatment, free shuttle service. 7215 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, San Diego. 858-495-9274. Discount: 10%

## Mazda Dealerships

**Chapman Mazda.** Phoenix. 877-684-5803. Ask for John Mardueno. Discount: 20% on Mazda parts and accessories.

**Mazda El Cajon.** 619-442-7050. Discount: 20% on Mazda parts; 10-20% on accessories.

**Mazda of Escondido.** 760-737-3200. Discount: 20% on most parts; 15% on labor (not including smog certification).

**Westcott Mazda.** National City. 619-474-1591. Discount: 25% on parts or labor (except oil changes).

## Other Services

**Alarm 2000.** Residential and commercial alarm installations and monitoring. Free equipment with 2-way voice & free install. Buffy Hergenrader, 619-221-0948. *buffy@iopener.net*. Discount: No connection fee.

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

**Linsco Private Ledger.** Fee-based planner. Wealth management, estate, retirement, and investment planning. Free consultation and 15% discount on all fees. Hernan Hooker, BCE. 619-542-0822.

**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.

## Classifieds

### MIATAS FOR SALE

**2006 Grand Touring,** Marble White, Leather, 6-speed, only 4975 miles. We bought this neat little car at the very end of 2005 thinking that we would have lots of fun with it, but, as you can see from the miles, we just don't use it. It is in excellent condition and has been under a Mazda Custom Cover unless it was in motion. Kelly Blue Book resale: \$24,230 OBO. Diane & Bud Bainbridge, 951-676-4044(H), 909-519-5077 (C), *walterbainbridge@hotmail.com*.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Buying or selling your Miata or Miata accessories?** You can do it for free on Miata-mart—the Miata for Sale web site, run by SDMC member Rainer Mueller. Check it out at *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*. Ads will run for four months unless canceled, and may be revised and resubmitted.

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DATE	EVENT	TIME	MEET	CONTACT
Fri. 9/7	Cruisin' Grand	6:00 pm (eat) 7:00 pm (cruise)	Tom's #23, 5th & Center City Pkwy, Escondido	Steve Waid 760-432-0727
Sat/ 9/22	Mazda NAO Port Tour	10 am	National City tbd	Les Smith lessmith@san.rr.com
Thu. 9/27	SDMC Monthly Meeting	6:00 pm (eat) 7:00 pm (meet)	Boll Weevil Restaurant, 9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. San Diego	Harold Schwartz 858-271-0084
Sat-Sun 10/6-7	Coronado Speed Festival and Car Show	All day Sat & Sun	To Be Announced	Steve Waid 760-432-0727