



# TWISTS & TURNS

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## Left Behind Run



Where's Barb?  
30+ potential customers show up at Penske Mazda in Escondido only to find out she had run off to Texas! Actually, she helped arranged this rest break at the dealership for the May 24 Stay Behind Run before leaving.

Les and Dyanna Smith's Stay Behind Run was highly anticipated as Les sent out directions for preparation. They included the following:

Time to be getting in the groove for Sunday's Stay Behind Run. Do so by following these instructions.

1. Go to your favorite karaoke bar.
2. Request the BeeGee's Stayin' Alive/instrumental version
3. Substitute these lyrics.

### Stayin' Behind

(with apologies to the BeeGees)

Well, you can tell by the way I talk,  
I'm a Miata fan, no time to walk.

Top is down and weather warm.  
I've been cruisin' 'round here since I was born.  
And now it's so right, it's O.K.  
And you may feel the same great way.  
We can try to understand  
The twisties' effect on man.

Whether you're a brother  
Or whether you're a mother,  
We're stayin' behind, stayin' behind.  
Feel the traffic breakin'  
And ev'rybody shakin'  
And we're stayin' behind, stayin' behind.  
Ah, ha, ha, ha, Stayin' behind.  
Stayin' behind. Ah, ha, ha, ha,  
Stayin' behind.

Well now, I shift low and I shift high  
Our back country roads is the reason why.  
Got the wings of heaven on my shoes  
I'm a drivin' fan and I just can't lose.  
You know it's all right, it's O.K.  
I live to drive 'bout ev'ry day.  
We can try to understand  
The twisties effect on man.

Always cruisin' somewhere.  
Come on and join me.  
Come on and join me, yeah.  
Always cruisin' somewhere.  
Come on and join me, yeah.  
Stayin' behind

# Vice President's Message

Ted Kesler

**T**hank you for electing me VP. Just think, "I spent my whole life working my way up to this".

Sue is not here tonight. She's visiting her in-laws in St Louis and playing in a huge croquet tournament.

So I'm here because the real powers-that-be went to Texas. Ya gotta wonder what the second prize in that contest was.

We're not the left behind part of the club. Like red-headed step kids. There were more cars on Les's run Sunday than went to Dallas. We ate in the Old Spaghetti Factory after. Les, why would you want to go to a factory and eat old spaghetti.

The people that did go to Dallas, that's in Texas by the way, seem to have had a great time.

- ◆ Tom Thompson has crossed 3 states selling oil filters out of his trunk.
- ◆ Steve Waid sang happy birthday to 12 unsuspecting people in a restaurant in Kingman Az. And he and Laurie had been getting the father/daughter discount everywhere they went.
- ◆ Dennis Garon has paid for the trip. He talked to people he met on the way over, and has a Kitchen remodel and three patios scheduled on the way home.
- ◆ The weather girl has learned to say Hot and Dry ten times a day.
- ◆ Mark and Cathy hung a dead bat on the front of the car. It keeps the bugs off sorta. They only have to stop every hundred miles or so to Clay bar and re-wax the car.
- ◆ Bosters have been out of town and the country so often they've missed the Search for Madonna, and it drives Jerry crazy. Every night he asks the Motel clerk for the Jungle room with the slip n slide and the tire swing. Janice said it'd be like the Elvis Suite in the Bahrain Hilton.
- ◆ Speaking of the Shacks...Mike was found in the Indian Trading Post in Tucumcari (try spelling that with a straight face). He was carrying E's purse... said she was shopping over in the feathers and war paint dept and he hadn't seen her in 4 hours. He did say "Tell the Hinkles... Ya shoulda come, you don't have to be taller than the sign anymore. They don't check for 2x4's on the pedals or extra pillows or nothing, ya just drive right through!

Except when you get to Texas. Their sign is this high...sez "if y'all pickup truck ain't this tall proceed at your own risk."

Speaking of Texas. Have you ever seen that place? Ya cross into Texas. Huge sign, huge sign!!!! Saloon... Truck stop... Gun store... fireworks... Fresh Bait... Card room... ten acre parking lot.

I know what you're thinking. Liquor in front the Poker in the rear. NO that's Florida

This one just sez Welcome to Texas!! Anyway.

Jan, of course was the last car to cross over into Texas. Jan drives it straight through and pulls up at the border crossing.

Bubba (every guy in Texas is called Bubba): you know the look, big white hat, hubcap belt buckle, Sue sez they look like me only without the Bicycle Butt. So Bubba leans in...

BUBBA: Son does your Mom know you're out here alone?

JAN: No, and If my Ex comes by, don't tell her either.

BUBBA: What kinda car is that, we've seen a passel o these lately? Do they all come with them handles on the top? It's a what? A My atta? Oh yeah...One a them Jap cars looks like a marital aid. And say, what are them things on the seat there with you? Camera lenses ya say? Dang Son, we got bugs in Texas bigger than that.

JAN: I'm looking for my friends, Sir. Have you seen them?

BUBBA: Lessee...We had a guy and his daughter in a yaller car, looked like a canary on Acid. Wanted to sing Happy Birthday to me.

Some ol' boy tried to sell me a All filter.

Feller with a car load a shopping bags from the Indian Trading Post.

Little blond Gal wanted to know what the weather was like here.

Then there was a red car, had something tied on the front, little chrome handles on the seats. Had stuff roped up on the back, looked like tha Joads only headed east? That coulda' been him. Hollywood mustache, funky fedora hat?

Yeah that's him!

He was here two days ago waxing his car!"

# Twists and Turns Re-read

Just like American Idol Rewind, there may be interest in previously-published material. The following, originally published in our January 2007 newsletter, may interest new members ... while conveniently helping fill space!

A staff member at the former Coast Car covers gave me a quick tutorial on the art of taking a full-car cover off and putting it on. (Dumb me; I didn't know there was such a "system!")

Here's how to take it off. Beginning at the rear of the vehicle, release the cover and pull the back edge all the way over the top and down to the base of the windshield. Then, pull the just-created fold point of the cover forward and down to the same point at the base of the windshield.

Next, release the cover at the front and pull that edge up to the top of the windshield. Then, pull that fold point to the top of the windshield also.

The entire cover should now be on the windshield, anchored on both sides by the door mirrors. Release the cover from one of the mirrors (I do this on the driver's side), roll it toward the opposite side, and release from the other mirror. Lift away and store in the trunk or elsewhere.

To install the cover, reverse the process, ending at the back of the vehicle.

Using this system, you avoid the guesswork of how the cover is folded and which end goes which way. It saves a lot of frustration performing this chore in the dark. Also, the outer side of the cover never comes into contact with the surface of the vehicle.

## Tierrasanta Patriots Day Parade And Red, White and Blue Run

**Linda Payne**

Five club members gathered in Tierrasanta to participate in a very enjoyable small town parade. It seemed that every inhabitant of Tierrasanta was there -- all 40,000 of them -- either marching in the parade or lining the streets to watch it. We could see the joy and delight in the eyes of kids big and little as our gaily decorated cars passed by. Very important dignitaries, the principals of two middle schools and three elementary schools, were chauffeured by the Miata group, and it was difficult to say who got more attention the educators or the cars. One principal was overheard to mutter they like your car better than they like me.

After a nice lunch and a quick walk around the craft fair, the group reconvened for a terrific run, led by Mary Chabot and Linda Payne. The route meandered through La Jolla and Mission Beach before stopping for a visit at Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery. After saluting our military heroes, we pushed on to give our regards to the USS Midway and then back to Tierrasanta. Altogether a thoroughly patriotic and pleasant day



# Miata World II Rte 66 Potluck

Laurie Waid

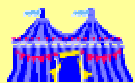
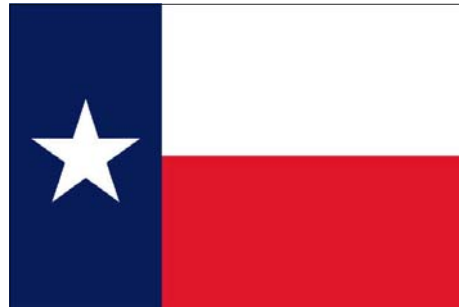
About 30 folks showed up at the Waid's on April \_\_\_ to prepare and discuss travel arrangements and share ideas for travel to Miata World II in Dallas in May. It was a potluck and guests were asked to bring something they might find to eat on Rte. 66 or in Texas—the variety was astounding! Everything from New Mexican style enchiladas (flat, with a fried egg on top!) to Texas Toast was available, plus plenty of pizza, chicken salad, corn bread, salads, etc.

Many people viewed the DVD's loaned by Eunice Bauman to learn the "flavour" of traveling Route 66 and preview some of the spots we were scheduled to visit.

We were also treated to a "Texan Language Lesson" from Jill Wilson, Texas native, so that we would be able to communicate with our hosts and others in Texas. Jill and Alan Kagan also provided Texas state flags to everyone in hopes of preventing Texas Department of Public Safety (aka Highway Patrol) from taking a dislike to our California cars.

By the end of the evening, we were prepared to handle a new language and had thoroughly discussed relevant details regarding travel to Texas and what to expect at Miata World II.

Read a full report  
with photos on  
the Journey to Texas  
and Miata World II in next  
month's newsletter!



## Miatas @ the Fair

Start Time: 8:00 AM

**Date:** Saturday, June 20, 2009 or Monday, June 29

**Meet:** Albertson's parking lot East side of the Freeway on Via de la Valle

**Time:** meet @ 8:15 AM Cruise together to the fairgrounds @ 8:30 AM

**Details:** Want to go to the fair for FREE? Here's your chance. SDMC has two dates when members who agree to display their cars between 8:30 AM & 3:00 PM get into the fair for FREE. 5 to 8 cars each day.

**NOTE:** Advance sign-up is required - contact Steve Waid to get on the list.

**Contact:** Steve & Laurie Waid [swaid@cox.net](mailto:swaid@cox.net) (760)432-0727

San Diego County Fair info: <http://www.sdfair.com/>

# Membership

## 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!**

Welcome to our new members, 2 since our last newsletter.

Les & Sandy Merrill

Ramona

2009 Competition Yellow

Jerry & Elaine Bauman

Temecula

1999 Brilliant Black

As of May 18, 2009, we have 190 memberships (66 single, 124 dual) for a total of 314 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:**

**June 25**

## 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 \$10 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.

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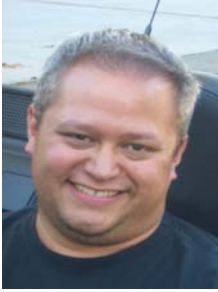
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Most club communication is conducted via e-mail through a Yahoo Group named SDMC-List. A free Yahoo account is required. Follow these steps to join.

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.

# 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.

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

**Good-Win Racing LLC.** Miata intakes, exhausts, shocks, springs, & goodies from Racing Beat, Moss, and more. [www.goodwin-racing.com](http://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%

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**Langka Corp.** Guaranteed paint chip and scratch repair system. Cleaning, detailing, and restoration products. 800-945-4532. [www.langka.com](http://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](http://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.

**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

**Mazda of Escondido.** 760-737-3200. Discount: 20% on most parts; 15% on labor (not including smog certification). For purchase, ask for Barb and receive free SDMC membership for 1 year!

**Westcott Mazda.** National City. 619-474-1591. Discount: 15% on parts or labor (except oil changes).

## Other Services

**Coldwell Banker Real Estate.** David T. Bryan, Realtor. 619-334-4625. [davidbryan@coldwellbanker.com](mailto:davidbryan@coldwellbanker.com). Free market analysis. No transaction fees for SDMC members or referrals!

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For sale: Nearly new Roadstersport Race exhaust for NC and glass-pack baffle, \$120.00. Roland Soule, (858) 404-4375 [soulesantee@aol.com](mailto:soulesantee@aol.com)

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