



TWISTS & TURNS

The newsletter of the San Diego Miata Club

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Editor's note: *It's never too late to make a New Year's resolution (i.e., I resolve to stop procrastinating when it comes to writing time-sensitive newsletter features such as this one and to have it ready for Laurie by the January edition's deadline).*

Year 21 (2010 on the Gregorian calendar) is going to be a banner year for club members, given our Miata-related New Year's resolutions. None of that lose weight ... quit smoking ... set some goals nonsense; we're focused on actions and activities that affirm our commitment to having fun!

Here's a sampling of resolutions gathered during December's Holiday Dinner, grouped by category.

Club runs and activities

I/we resolve...

- To share more twisties with SDMC members – John & Linda Breen
- To do the "Puke" and NOT get sick! – Roseanne Meyerhoff
- To go to the Madonna Inn/Hearst Castle (after having to cancel out on the last one) – Mary Clark
- To attend our first Debbye Does the Santee Drive-In event – Brenda & Jim Markert
- To sell the '93 and '97 and buy a yellow one and go ride with Steve on the Madonna Run – Bruce Furbush
- To bring back the Palm Springs Run in 2010 – Chip Kushner
- To go to more events out of the region – Wally Stevens
- To attend next year's SDMC Holiday Party – Jeanette Driver

Technical and upgrades

- To leave my suspension settings alone now that it is working for autocross – Jan Wagner
- To work on more MX-5s – Larry Dennstedt
- To give my Miata a roll bar – Ken Hurd
- To make an LS1 V8 Miata – Tommy Annenson
- To install an oil filter kit – Gordon Long

- To wash and wax more often – Ted & Sue Kesler

Pure enjoyment

- To put the top down and drive home from work by the ocean on old 101 at least one day a week – Stacy Hurd
- To enjoy life more and not sweat the small stuff – Sue Hinkle
- To enjoy the first full year of my retirement! – Rainer Mueller



Just get by

- To survive Rainer's first full year of retirement – Marianne Mueller

Show restraint

- To not buy any Miatas in 2010 (Sorry Barb. I still love you) – Phil Daoust

Learn and grow

- To learn to drive Phil's right-hand drive Miata! – Gina Seashore
- To NOT follow Diane Foster when she decides to lead a group on "her own route" – Dennis & Maryanne Garon
- To travel lighter and more often – Anne Marshall

Milestones

- To pay it off!!! Yea (April 10) – Sharon Elshavy (sp?)
- To own my own Miata! – Christine Corbyons

And, it's also never too late to hear (or read) it again:
Happy New Year!

A Collage of Holiday Party Memories

Photos by Mark Booth



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!

SDMC warmly welcomes 2 new members!

Lola Fong
John Evans

97 Twilight blue
1990 classic red Miata

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:
February 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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Punxsutawney
Phil

February Events

		TIME	LOCATION	WHO TO CONTACT?
SUNDAY FEB. 14	RUN TO THE DESERT TOWER	8:30 AM DRIVERS' MEETING	GROSSMONT CENTER	DARYLED BRISTOL
THURSDAY OCTOBER 22	SDMC MEETING	6 PM EAT 7 PM MEET	BOLL WEEVIL CLAIREMONT MESA BLVD AT RUFFIN ROAD	PRESIDENT DAVID STREETER PRESIDENT@SANDIEGO MIATABLUC.ORG
TO BE RESCHED- ULED DUE TO RAIN	RUN TO THE STARS (PALOMAR OBSERVATORY)	10:15 AM	MAZDA OF ESCONDIDO	TERRY & ROLAND SOULE

2010 San Diego Miata Club Annual Meeting

April 3, 2010 from 10 am to 2 pm
San Diego Automotive Museum, Balboa Park

Save the Date!



Mark your calendars!

The Annual Meeting is when we elect new officers,
plan for the year ahead and reminisce about the past year.
A run to lunch is tentatively planned.

If you are planning to run for a board position, you may post
your interest and your bio in our March newsletter. Please for-
ward your information to newsletter@sandiegomiataclub.org.
Board positions to be elected are President, Vice President, Secre-



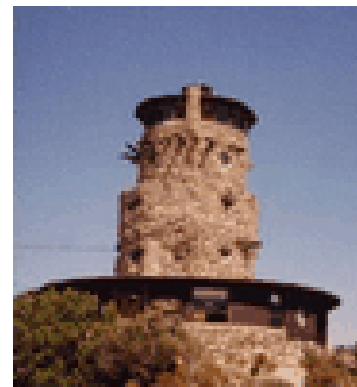
Photo by Mark Booth

Run to the Desert Tower Sunday, February 14, 2010

Meet at Grossmont Center under the sign between Walmart and Highway 8
Drivers' Meeting at 8:30

Run to the Desert Tower utilizing some of our most popular twists and turns!
Enjoy (hopefully) some sunshine.

Contact: Daryled Bristol daryledb@aol.com for further info if needed.



Don't forget to register for Surf N Safari 10. October 14 - 17, 2010

The [San Diego Miata Club](http://www.sandiegomiataclub.org) welcomes Miata owners and enthusiasts from all over the world to the third Surf 'N' Safari regional event.

This four-day event in beautiful north San Diego County promises food, fun, and prizes. Meet old and new friends, drive excellent Miata roads, and have fun in perfect convertible weather... Our two previous Surf 'N' Safari events hosted over 250 participants representing over 25 Miata clubs from the U.S., Canada, Europe, and

Australia! Space is limited. See our website at www.sandiegomiataclub.org, and click on the Surf 'n' Safari 2010 logo.

Registration available online.

'RUN TO STARS' (PALOMAR OBSERVATORY)

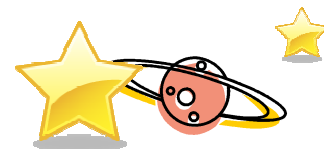
???? Rescheduled due to rain and snow at Palomar!

10:15 AM - 3:15 PM

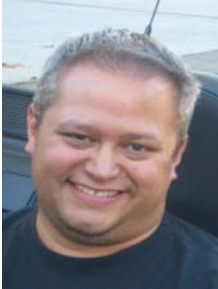
This run will take us up to the Palomar Observatory for a private guided tour just for our club. Tour will begin at 1 PM. More info on the run is to follow... stay tuned !

We will meet at Mazda of Escondido at 10:15AM. Driver's meeting is at 10:45 sharp and we'll move out at the stroke of 11AM. We're looking forward to seeing everyone then!

This event is limited to the first 35-40 folks, please email Terry and Roland Soule to sign up:
soulesantee@aol.com



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CLUB E-MAIL

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

Many 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.

Dent Time: fast reasonable paintless dent removal. 800-420-DENT (3368). They come to your door, provided quick and professional service.

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. 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%

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.

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. david-bryan@coldwellbanker.com. Free market analysis. No transaction fees for SDMC members or referrals!

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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

Super-fun red 1991 Miata MX-5 with aftermarket hardtop and storage rack zips along like a dream; 5-speed manual, black interior, 141,400 miles, adjustable KYB shocks, radio/CD player, chassis braces, alloy wheels, new battery, lovingly maintained by Dennstedt, \$3800. Change in lifestyle. Marilyn Laurence, 619-461-2960, marilyn.laurence@sbcglobal.net

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

1997 Miata, red, black cloth interior, 60k miles, 30k miles on new factory motor. 5 spd, clear title, low profile headlights, wood steering wheel, ps, manual windows, a/c. \$4,100. Call Chuck Graham, 619.654.0555.

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.

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 swaid@cox.net

Ads will run for four months unless canceled, and may be revised and resubmitted.

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