



The Misadventures of Marilyn Miata!

Ferris Bueller's Day Off

by Ginny McLaughlin

illness that causes rapid heartbeat, dizziness, fainting, confusion and even hallucinations when an individual is exposed to art. If you've seen the movie (and I'm sure you have), you know where this fits in. With no further questions asked, we were released from duty for the day.

After the usual gathering of the herd where we received our run directions and secret instructions, members jumped in the other Miatas and myself, did a quick radio check and hit the road. Ferris led us to our first stop: the Deer Park Winery & Auto Museum, where we really got a blast from the past. They didn't just have cars there; they pretty much had it all! Toys, TV's, washers and dryers, and even a Barbie room! Every square inch of their buildings had something that would take you back in time, and I know it brought back some happy memories for each and everyone of us.

As I looked around the room I just loved seeing the face's of my friends light up when they saw something they had as a child, and phrases like "I remember this, I had one!" or "I completely forgot about this," were heard throughout our tour.

After stretching our legs by walking through the vineyards, we gathered up once again and got ready to head off to our next destination. Ferris flashed a big smile as he walked past us and got into his car; he knew the excitement was building as we all were wondering where he was going to lead us next. With all of us lined up behind him and ready for anything, the CB's were all chatter and everyone was trying to guess where we're going.

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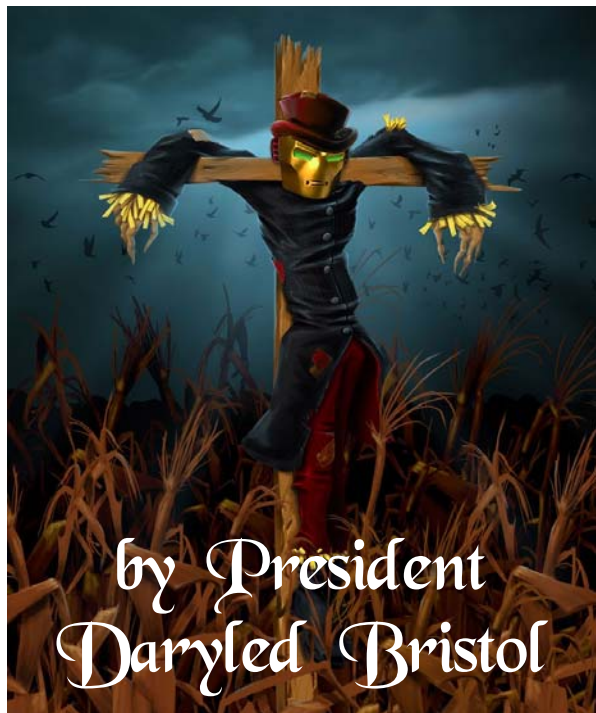
Even though the day started off overcast and cool, there was no way the weather was going to stop this Miata Club from having fun! As we all gathered in the showroom at Mazda of Escondido you could feel the excitement in the air, and it wasn't just from all the great goodies they had laid out for us on the table. It was "Ferris Bueller's Day Off"! A holiday made just for car people and having fun.

Ginny and I started off by calling in to work with a very bad case of Stendhal Syndrome, which is a real mental



Photo by: Rosie Moreno

President's Message



November is fast approaching and I am attempting to get the Newsletter timely once again. Now is that really going to happen? Only time will tell but today is the deadline for the November "Presidents message" and that piece falls to me. I have spoken to the staff that has the newsletter responsibility and it has been decided that although there is a minimum of 4 pages of print required to make a mailing newsletter three of these are taken up by the front page (Mine), the back page (Mailing information) and the Classifieds. That leaves one page and the decision is that this page may end up being "Intentionally left Blank" if we don't have articles ready to go to the printers. OK, the object is to have the SDMC Newsletter in your mail box no later than the 21st of the month or in time for the monthly meeting. A noble effort if nothing else. Damn Volunteers, I still want the authority to execute for non performance but until that happens I will continue to work with these intrepid folks to get the information out.

It is the holiday season and driving tends to get more and more challenging, no time to be distracted in traffic. Heads up, it is going to get rougher before it gets better.

On a more upbeat note we have the Holiday party approaching; Sue Hinkle is the party that will be driving this, as soon as she can get Jack straightened out (good luck with that) so try to keep your calendar open for this fun event. Lets have a safe and happy Holiday season and come back for another year of driving mischief and mayhem.



New Member Bio: John and Melissa DeGrazia

John & Melissa DeGrazia live in Lemon Grove. They bought John Lawrence's red/tan Miata.

John is an IT Contractor for US Navy and she is a self-employed Medical Office Consultant. Other family members are Pete (age 23), Amy (age 19) and two boxers and a cat.

Hobbies and interests:

John is an avid home brewer; Melissa - Quilting & Mosaics

Color choice intentional? It was the car that was in the best condition when we needed to acquire one!

What were you looking for in life that steered you into a Miata: We had been "romancing" the thought of owning a Miata for quite some time. When our daughter totaled Melissa's car, we had the opportunity to take the top off.

Any previous sports cars? The car we replaced was a 2002 Acura RSX Type S 6-speed manual, 200hp. John has owned a number of motorcycles of various types.

Extent of total driving that will involve the Miata: This is Melissa's daily driver though John loves any excuse to trade his Prius for a much more exhilarating driving experience.



Any driving scares in your Miata (usually involving big trucks or buses):

John Laurence had already made a LOT of improvements to the safety of "Lola". So we have not had any scares yet. The louder horn, the roll bar, the flashing trunk light and suspension stiffening help a lot.

What have you enjoyed about club runs:

Seeing some really lovely parts of our county. Meeting other owners and learning more about these fun cars.

Favorite San Diego County road (so far): Lower Lyons Valley Road

San Diego County "discoveries" while on club runs or just out driving:

Pine Creek Road in Pine Valley... We parked on that little cement bridge and sat in silence. Enjoying natural peace and quiet.

Trips in the Miata being planned:

We did one over-night trip to Fallbrook recently. And we really enjoyed it. We may take it to Paso Robles for some Central Valley Wine Tasting.

Other comments that come to mind:

As a founding member of my home brewing club, I was very happy to find our local Miata club. There is no better way to open a new chapter in life than to find other passionate people to learn from. In fact... I found Rocky and Denstedts contact information there when I was looking for "Lola". They offered some great advice and encouragement. Now... I am looking for something to accomplish at the next Tech Day.

Misadventures of Marilyn Miata (cont.)



Out on the road we listened to the soundtrack from the movie while we followed our faithful leader through the streets and back roads of North County; then after about 20 to 30 minutes we pulled up to our next stop: K-1 Go Kart Racing! People were hopping out of their cars and running inside just so they could hurry and get a spot with their favorite team mate! After the registration and the teams were formed, we all sat down to a wonderful Pizza, Sub and Salad lunch.

When race time came, the people who weren't driving all gathered at the sidelines to cheer our fellow members on. The go karts were led around the track for the first lap by a pace car, helping them to get familiar with the lay out of the track. As soon as it left the track and they were given the green light to go they were off! And let me tell you it was a blood bath! People racing past each other; cornering or cutting them off at the pass; at one point a man wearing yellow got hit from behind and spun out. I believe he may have come in last; we'll have to re-run the video when we get it back from the Speed Channel to be sure. Or is it at Americas Funniest Home Videos?

Like all fun things this adventure had to end, and it was time to head out and drive to our next stop. Ferris really surprised us all with our next location: The Joe Martin Foundation Craftsman Ship Museum! We all got to meet and talk to Joe Martin himself, and got the history of his museum and how he was able to come up with such a wonderful collection. He had everything imaginable that really worked and all of it was crafted down to micro size; with all of the really cool things he had in there, my favorite was the little pearl handled silver revolver with its teeny tiny bullets. Joe told me that it was, in fact, a real gun and could fire those bullets. WOW!



Walking around that big museum sure helped us build up an appetite, and good ole Ferris already knew



that we would. We left the museum and followed him to one of the best restaurants I've been to in a long time! I believe it was called "Rhythm City Grill" and had good ole southern food just like home! Ferris even had a live jazz band all set to play for us towards the end of the evening. However, he didn't give them the music to "Danka Shoen" and believe me I tried to get them to play it.

Ferris Bueller's Day Off was a fantastic day full of fun, friends and mystery, not to mention the tradition of eat, drive, eat. Thank You soooo much Ferris (aka Gene) for all of your hard work and planning! You gave all of us a day to remember, and we can't wait until next year!!! Anyone....Anyone?

SDMC Mini Golf Tournament II: Results

Official Results
SDMC 2011 (Mini) Golf Tournament II
Surfing Safari course at the Del Mar Golf Center
October 15, 2011

Team Results for 18 holes

First place:

"Dimpled Balls with Long Hair" - 47.5 strokes average (18 holes)

Carlyn Bristol
Daryled Bristol
Judy Lewis

Scott Lewis (lowest individual score: 44 strokes)

Second place:

"2 Short Putters" - 48.25 strokes average

Jan Frederick
Jeff Frederick
Alan Kagan
Jill Wilson

Third place:

"Foreplay" - 51.7 strokes average

Dyanna Smith
Les Smith
Lolita Nagan

Remaining teams tied with 52.25 stroke average

"Not a Threesome"

Kelley Raymond
Debbye Lewis
Dustin Lewis

Bruce Lewis (second lowest individual score: 45 strokes)

"Numero Uno"

Eunice Bauman
Meg Garrison
Penn Hubbard
Tyler Hubbard

"Chris Rocks!"

Laurie Waid
Chris Walter
Rosie Moreno
Mike Ortiz



Special thanks to Tournament Statistician Steve Waid

Upcoming Events

Twist or Treat Run

Justin Tackett, a newer member of the club, is off to a great start with a very appropriate late October "Twist or Treat Run." This Halloween-themed event begins at Majors Diner in Pine Valley (28870 Old Highway 80) Saturday, October 29 with a driver meeting will be 4:15 pm ... and ends up in the Mission Bay area at a bonfire.



People can also go straight to the bonfire if they would like. Dessert and snacks, namely smor-making stuff, will be provided. And we encourage anyone with scary stories or funny stories to tell them while we have desert and enjoy the fire.

SDMC Annual Holiday Party

The days are getting shorter and there is a crispness in the air; a definite sign that the holidays are just around the corner. Kick off the holiday season with the SDMC members at our last social event of the year. Bring a Miata or car-related gift (\$25.00 value) and take part in the annual gift exchange and thievery. An evening of great food, terrific friends and an abundance of laughter and merriment.

San Diego Miata Club Annual Holiday Party and
Gift Exchange Extravaganza
Saturday, December 3rd at 6:00 pm

Butcher Shop Restaurant
5255 Kearney Villa Road in San Diego

\$35.00 per person



Meal Choices:

Prime Rib (8 oz) Au Jus with Creamed Horseradish (Choice of two: Salad, Rice Pilaf, Mashed Potatoes, New Potatoes and Fresh Veggies) or

Chicken Mozzarella Baked and Filled with Fresh Basil, Mushrooms, Spinach and Mozzarella Cheese with Buerre Blanc Sauce.

Vegetarian Meals upon request.

Dessert is a surprise!

No Host Bar

Make checks payable to SDMC. Mail checks to Sue Hinkle at 733 S. Kalmia Street, Escondido, CA 92025. Please include your meal choice in the memo. Sue will also be on hand at the October and November monthly meetings to take your reservation, the RSVP by deadline is on November 25.

Ferris Bueller Run Photos

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of run summary write-ups, photos,
car related humor, etc...



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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

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!

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.

October Monthly Meeting is:

October 27th

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 \$14 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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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 additional information.

Automotive Services

Allen's Wrench. Mazda Master Technician. 1620 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-1192. Discount: 10% (except oil changes).

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Knobmeister Quality Images. 3595 Gray Circle, Elbert, CO 80106-9652. Joe Portas, joe@knobmeister.com. 303-730-6060.

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Rocky's Miatomotive 4283 41st Street San Diego. 619-284-4911. Discount: 10% on labor.

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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%

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

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