

TWISTS & TURNS



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48 CARS ON TWILIGHT FUN RUN

By Mary & James Claus

Mark and Cathy Booth once again provided us with an excellent Twilight Fun Run. This was their 18th creation of this event which was laid back with more leisurely driving so we could enjoy the scenery, the wildlife, the setting sun, and the cool mountain air.

The event started at TGI Friday's at Route 94 and Highway 54 in Rancho San Diego for dinner/late lunch starting from 3:00-4:00 PM. Driver's meeting was at 5:10 SHARP and we left soon after. We traveled the scenic roads of Harbison Canyon and on to Lake Cuyamaca where we were interrupted by multiple fire engines and Highway Patrol cars responding to a call. We saw some burned areas that are recovering nicely and continued up Sunrise Highway to Mt. Laguna.

After a brief pit stop at the summit at Mt. Laguna Lodge, we left at 7:38 SHARP for our ride down Sunrise Highway to see a beautiful sunset over the mountains. Along the way we saw deer and wild turkeys.



James and I personally wished we had stopped at the scenic point to smell the mountain air and take a moment to really view and appreciate the sunset with its gorgeous pastel colors and the mountain views. Instead we enjoyed the view of seeing all those Miatas behind us as we went weaving down the mountain. By this time it was nearly dark and the headlights behind us really did look like a string of diamonds.

Our run continued onward to Highway 80, Lyons Valley Road and Honey Springs Road and back nearly to our starting point about 8:45 PM. Some of us went to Dairy Queen for ice cream and some went to IHOP for something more substantial.

Judging by the number of cars that participated, it looks like we are not the only ones who truly enjoy this excellent summer event. Thanks and kudos to the Booths. Maybe next year we'll top 50 cars. ■



Kite Photography at Main Street Car Show

By The Kite Dude

For the last couple of years I have been wanting to take some Kite Aerial Photographs of our Miatas at the Main Street America Car Show. This year I finally met my goal.

The first year the club was way at the end of the jetty. A good place for launching but the kite and camera would have to be over many cars to get close enough to the Miatas for any decent shots. Mission scrubbed.

The second year I didn't bring my equipment and the club had moved to the front of the jetty. Opportunity missed.

The third year I had my equipment, the club was at the right spot but I was out of practice and didn't trust the wind that day.

This year I was in practice, had my equipment, the club was in the right place and the wind was right. Mission accomplished.

Kite Aerial Photography (KAP) has been around a long time. The first known KAP picture was taken in France in 1898. Some of the photographs of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake were taken from a kite.

KAP is much easier today with small digital cameras. They are relatively easy to lift and you can take lots of pictures. KAP is more about kite flying than photography; it requires equipment you can trust and lots of practice to be accomplished safely.

Be careful about asking me questions about KAP; your eyes will be glazed over before I get close to done. It might be safer to Google it!



(Editor's Note: Reminds me of the saying "You asked me what time it was and I told you how to build a watch! Rick has provided a photo that is both beautiful and unique. Well done.) ■

President's Mumbles

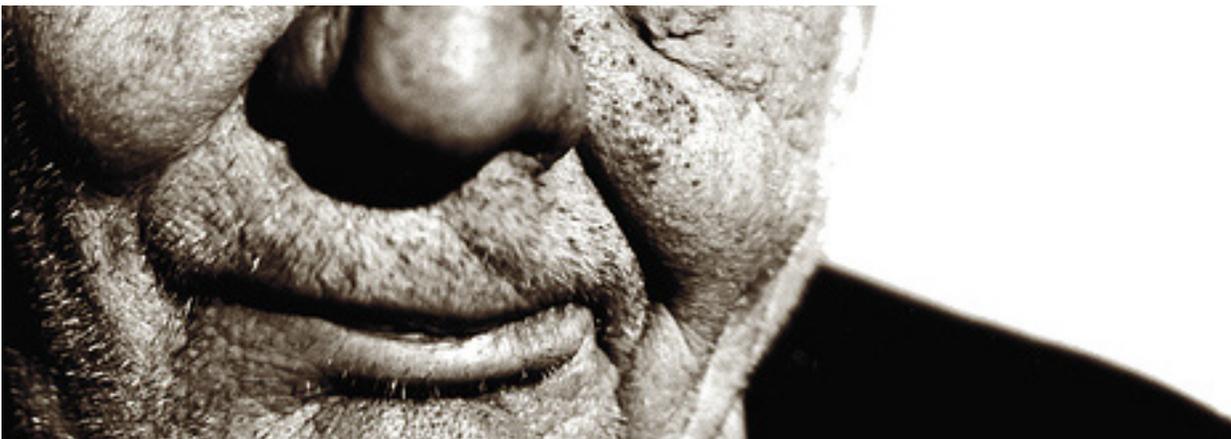
This year has had some fantastic moments and plans are afoot for more to come. This past month had summertime highlights, as it should, for a top-down driving club (and eating also).

We kicked it off with the second wave of Miatas at the Del Mar Fair, followed closely by our outstanding participation in the Rancho Bernardo Fourth of July Parade. Then there was the Run with the Roadsters (trying to show them what they are missing), Main Street America Car Show (SDMC walked away with the participation Trophy second-year running; we are going to have to press like all get-out if we expect to three peat) "edited sailor talk." And last, but certainly not least, the 18th gathering of the twilight run led by Mark Booth.

The annual SDMC Picnic and Ginny's inaugural run is just weeks away (report next month for sure). We are having the time of our lives and enjoying it with great people, all with the same intent, to drive and have a great time.

Some of you may feel this is premature but I feel duty-bound to mention it and bring every member to consider who will hold the reins in the coming year. I have held the post of President going on two years now and I feel it is time to give fresh blood the opportunity to give direction. Many of the elected officers have been on board for multiple years and I certainly appreciate their dedication but they also deserve a little R&R.

Please consider the direction you want our little community to travel and who will lead us into the next years. ■



CB Radios

Mumbles Extended

This year we made a decision to purchase two CB's for club use. Thru the efforts of Allan Kagen and Jeff Fredricks and donations of other club members we picked up two mag mount antennas and assembled portable units for club use.

These CB's are for the express use during runs for new members and members that are new to a run to encourage their participation and for the emergency where a leader or sweep experiences radio failure at the last minute. These units are also for sale at the end of a run if a member feels this is the right match for them (Installed CB with antenna matching device makes for a much cleaner application) and this option is not recommended. We have members that have the skill and equipment to aid in the installation of a CB if the need arises. ■



Membership update through August 1, 2012

(Changes since 7/2/2012)
by Membership Chairs Chris Jones and Linda Southard

New Members

Dale Disharoon & Maria Lofftus, La Jolla, 2008 Copper Red Mica
Jody Morgan, Lakeside, 1996 Montego Blue Mica

Welcome Back!

(Recent renewal)

Fran Hitt & Les Zimmerman, San Diego, 1999 Twilight Blue Mica

155 memberships

(46 single, 109 dual)

total of **264 members**

PREVIOUS (July 1, 2012)
Membership update since 5/14/2012:

New Members

Hal & Carolann Haley, La Mesa, 2001 British Racing Green
Christy & Todd Pluciennik, Carlsbad, 1999 Sapphire Blue Mica &
2003 Splash Green Mica
Ann & Rand Cottingham, San Diego, 2003 Sunlight Silver Metallic
Larry Haskins, La Jolla, 2012 Liquid Silver Metallic
Mark Carlson, Santee, 1999 White
Teresa & Steve Martini, San Diego, 2012 Copper Red

Welcome Back!

(Recent renewal)

Helen Sharp, Oceanside, 2000 Mahogany Mica
Dan & Sharon Malloy, Poway, 2006 True Red
Craig Dunne, Fallbrook, 1990 Classic Red

SDMC had 152 memberships (45 single, 107 dual) for a total of 259 members by that date.

Event Calendar

Saturday, August 18	Tech Day	8:30 AM - ?	Rocky's Miatomotive 2951 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach	Rocky Murphy rockysmiata@yahoo.com
Sunday, August 19	Run to the SDMC Annual Picnic	9:30 – 2:00 PM	Nugent's Firegrille Restaurant 12015 Scripps Highlands Drive, San Diego	Ginny McLaughlin, princess_ginny@msn.com
Sunday, August 19	SDMC Annual Picnic	2:00 PM - ?	1073 Abarca Court, Chula Vista	Sue Hinkle, sportscarr@sbcglobal.net
Thursday, August 23	Monthly Meeting	7:00 - 8:00 PM	Boll Weevil, 9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, San Diego	Daryled Bristol president@sandiegomiataclub.org
Saturday, September 1	9 th Annual Moon Over Miatas	6:00 PM – MIDNIGHT	Dudley's, Santa Isabel	Steve Waid, swaid@cox.net
Sunday, September 2				Les & Dyanna Smith, lessmith@san.rr.com
Wednesday, September 5	El Cajon Cruise Night	1:30 – 7:30 PM	Fudrucker's, Grossmont Center for lunch. Orange Ave, El Cajon for cruise night	Steve Licata, stevenlicata@sbcglobal.net
Friday, September 7	Cruisin' Grand	6:00 – 9:00 PM	Tom's #23, Centre City Parkway & 5th St, Escondido	Steve Waid, swaid@cox.net
Saturday, September 8	Fall Classic Car Show	9:00 – 2:00 PM	Tidelands Park, Coronado	Ken Garcia, 396rsssconv@gmail.com
Sunday, September 9	Greatest Show on Turf	9:00 – 2:00 PM	Liberty Station, San Diego	
Friday, September 21	Pre MX-5 Cup Carting	10:00–1:00 PM	K1 Speed, 6212 Corte Del Abeto, Carlsbad	Steve Waid, swaid@cox.net
Saturday & Sunday, September 22 & 23	Coronado Speed Festival	7:00 – 5:00 PM	Tartine, 1106 First Street, Coronado	Steve Waid, swaid@cox.net

NEW MEMBERS



(Photo of Lakeside from the top of El Cajon Peak)

Jody Morgan lives in Lakeside and is retired ... sorta! His Miata is a 1996 Montego Blue Mica that he bought June 10 from a Craig's List ad; its former owner lived near SDSU.

Was the color choice intentional?

"Not really, it was the first one I looked at and drove and I couldn't resist!"

Jody's hobbies and interests have expanded lately to include flying an ultralight airplane.

"Guess I just can't get enough of that wind in the face stuff," he adds.

What were you looking for in life that steered you into a Miata?

"I wanted that feeling of driving my 2 Bug Eye Sprites that I haven't driven for 30 years, and figured I couldn't wait any longer," Jody explains. "Not knowing when, if ever, I would get the Sprites ready to drive again I thought I would get the Miata in the meantime.

"Have to say for the month and a half I've had the Miata, I haven't thought all that much about my Sprites," he adds.

Previous sports cars include the two 1959 Bug Eyes, one of which he has had for 50 years, the other for 43 years. Also had a 1959 Corvette in 1960.

Extent of total driving that will involve the Miata (daily driver, weekend only, etc.): Weekends and most any other time.

Jody's favorite San Diego County road (so far) is Otay Lake Road. A San Diego County "discovery" he made while on a club run is the Barrett Junction Cafe.

Final thoughts?

"The monthly meeting was really comfortable and fun." ■

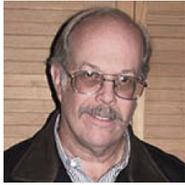
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1. Go to <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/SDMC-List> (capitalization matters!).
2. Click "Join This Group!"
3. If you have a Yahoo account, log in. If you do not, click "Sign Up" and follow the instructions.
4. After logging in, you will be returned 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.

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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!

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 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.

August Monthly Meeting: **August 23**

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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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).

American Battery. Miata batteries & all other batteries. 525 West Washington, Escondido. 760-746-8010. Contact: Jeff Hartmayer. Discount: Fleet discount on all products.

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Chemical Guys
8680 Miralani Dr. Suite 125, San Diego, CA 92126. 858-527-1566
www.ChemicalGuys.com
sdstore@chemicalguys.com
10% discount on products on top of internet prices.

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

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

Langka Corp. Guaranteed paint chip and and restoration products. 800-945-4532. www.langka.com. Discount: 30%.

Rocky's Miatomotive 2951 Garnet Avenue, San Diego, CA 92109. 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.

Pitstop Autoglass Rock chip repairs free to SDCC Miata club members for club Miatas. Must show valid membership card. In-shop only. Non-Miatas save 25% off regular prices. 858-675-GLASS (4527)

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%

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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).

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Mainly 1990 to 2005 parts, at least 50 % off of cost new. Some 2006 and newer parts including tops, seats and trim. wallymiata@gmail.com or 619-203-2801 Wally Stevens SOCALM & SDMC member.

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