



The newsletter of the San Diego Miata Club

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## Annual Meeting, April 13, Auto Museum, 10 am

Lunch will be served. This is the meeting when you get to say who's going to lead you thru this next year.

## NASA's Jet propulsion Laboratory/Huntington Library

By Jan and Jeff Frederick

On March 20 and 21, Jan and Jeff Frederick led a run to NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena and the Huntington Library in San Marino. 29 SDMC members traveled in 15 Miatas and enjoyed top-down driving in some of the best weather we have seen in months.

Those participating were afforded the opportunity to learn the history of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, its connection to both CAL Tech and NASA and to experience an up close and personal view of the operations controlled by JPL.

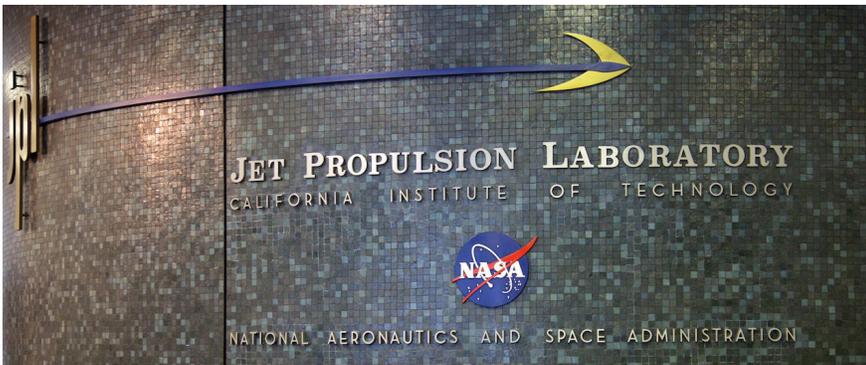


Photo By Mark Booth

After a detailed briefing and a video, SDMC members toured the Space Vehicle Assembly Building and viewed the "Clean Room" where space vehicles such as "Curiosity" have been constructed. We also were admitted to the actual mission control room where all the NASA JPL vehicles that are in outer space are controlled.

The tour of JPL lasted 3 1/2 hours and was absolutely fascinating.

Following the tour of JPL, the group caravanned to Arcadia where we spent the night in a hotel. After breakfast the next morning, the group was treated to a driving tour of Arcadia, San Marino and Pasadena led by Steve and Laurie Waid. This is where they grew up and it was a great run through Steve and Laurie's old stomping grounds.

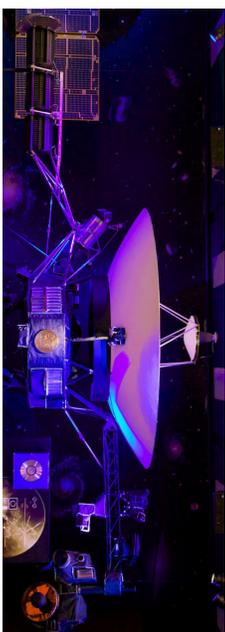
The group spent the afternoon in the magnificent Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens. SDMC



members wandered through the buildings viewing priceless art collections, Frank Lloyd Wright furniture, and rare book collections including Chaucer's Canterbury Tales and a copy of the Gutenberg Bible. We also wandered through the amazing collection of botanical gardens covering 120 acres and including over 14,000 different varieties of plants, which are growing in over a dozen garden areas.

Needless to say, these two destinations, JPL and The Huntington, were entirely different from each other, but both were considered interesting, educational, and enjoyed by all. Jan and Jeff were pleased that so many club members were able to join them on this educational run.

Special thanks to Mark Booth for providing great photos of this two-day event.



# Cruising Grand



By Steve Waid

For those of you that are not practiced in looking at the Events Calendar on the SDMC web site, Cruisin Grand began for 2013 this past Friday, April 5. SDMC goes to Cruisin Grand on the first Friday of every month through September when the event closes down until the following spring.

Cruisin Grand is a time to bring back memories of the 50's and 60's with cars, music, and food. The smell of burnt gasoline mixed in with the roar of "big blocks" permeates Grand Avenue in Escondido every Friday for six months.

Come join SDMC by meeting at Tom's #23 at 6:00 pm for burgers and such. Located at the southwest corner of Centre City Parkway and 5th Ave, Tom's is an "order at the counter ... eat inside or outside ...big portions."

At 7:00 pm we will leave Tom's to Cruise Grand and then park at a convenient location so we can Walk Grand for about an hour. There is often an after-cruise activity; this month we caravanned on to the Waid's Palatial Escondido Estate for desserts.

All are invited.

Steve Waid, Roads Scholar

# **\*\* BY-LAW CHANGES \*\***



## Changing our rules and regulations:

### Change #1

#### Section 3.4.3 A (EXISTING)

A dual membership shall be entitled to only one printed copy of any news letter or other material distributed by the Club to the members.

#### Section 3.4.3 A (PROPOSED)

A dual membership shall be entitled to only one printed copy of material distributed by the Club to the member.

This simple wording change will allow SDMC to go to electronic newsletter

### Change #2

#### Article X Dues and expenditures

Section 10.1 Dues- Membership dues shall be determined annually for either a dual or single membership to be effective the following year.

Section 10.2 Partial Year Dues-Partial dues shall be determined annually to be effective the following year.

Again, by eliminating the exact amount this will allow the dues to be set at any general meeting to be effective at the beginning of the following year.

# Neal Mills For President



Hi, I'm Neal Mills and would be pleased and honored to be nominated and elected to our board of directors as President. My wife, Grace, and I have been SDMC members for five years and I currently serve as the club's Events Coordinator.

I was raised in Carlsbad, CA, served 30 years in the Navy, and 15 years as a systems engineer supporting the testing and evaluation of Navy computer networks. I'm now retired and live in Mira Mesa. I have successfully served in leadership positions in the military, civilian companies, and other charitable and social organizations.

SDMC has a long tradition of excellence and, if elected, my goal will be to continue that tradition. I want to encourage more members to become involved with the club and to develop more activities and events

# Christy Pluciennik For Vice President

Hello Friends! My name is Christy Pluciennik and I fell in love with a little splash green 2003 Miata in May 2012. Her name is Roxy and this one little car (and all of yours) has made a difference in my life in so many ways. Being a Miata enthusiast has introduced me to a group of people that love their Miatas as much as I do (or at least almost as much as Mark Booth loves his), loves to drive them on exciting roads, and can enjoy a great meal together after any run.

My husband Todd and I live in Carlsbad, CA with my step-daughter Tori and have the privilege to enjoy all Miata activities from the Mexico border (thank you Rosi and Bob!) to Fresno/ Cambria (thank you Steve and Laurie!), and all the places in between (thank you run leaders!). In August last year I caught the autocross bug and have been racing with the SCAT team since September; currently serving as SCAT Club Representative on the San Diego Region Solo Board.

I led my first organized SDMC run in October 2012, up Palomar Mountain and can appreciate the amount of work that goes into organizing the route/dining, recruiting participants and executing a driving event. A chance meeting in November allowed Todd and I to come in contact with the West Coast Mini Club with whom I helped organize a joint run with our club in February of this year. Whenever possible, I spread that enthusiasm to current and prospective members in an effort to ignite new interest and grow our membership.

The members of the San Diego Miata Club are so amazing that I would be honored to serve as Vice President. I feel that I have the enthusiasm, the honesty and the determination to excel in this role. If elected, I will serve the Club Members and board members to the best of my ability and assist in all areas required. Thank you for your time as this appointment would be an honor and a privilege.

Sincerely,

Christy Pluciennik

"Roxy" - 2003 Splash Green Mica



# Laurie Waid For Treasurer



My name is Laurie Waid and I have been an active part of SDMC since 1997. In 1998 I was treasurer of the Club and enjoyed that role. I would like to be elected Treasurer in 2013-14.

Although I am retired, I have worked 25 years in the Accounting field in various capacities and managed money for a corporate CEO. I would like to implement QuickBooks for our club, which would allow us to have complete financial reporting easily available and accessible to help

decision making in order to maximize the club's rewards to its members. We have been very successful in the past at providing benefits to our members and I would like to be part of continuing this success.

# Our President's Last Mumbles



# Welcome Newest Members of 2013

Karl Gruben & Linda McCloud	San Diego	1993 Classic Red
Austen Moor	Vista	2006 Brilliant Black
Robert O'Dwyer	San Diego	2006 Classic Red
Ed Melvin	San Diego	1994 Brilliant Black
Robert Dunbar	La Mesa	2001 Sunlight Silver Metallic
Barbara Henderson	San Diego	1996 Brilliant Black & 2008 Galaxy Gray Mica
Rachel Smith	Carlsbad	1994 White
Bruce & Cynde	San Marcos	2004 Titanium Gray Metallic
Don Potter	Ramona	2004 Titanium Gray Metallic

136 memberships (40 single, 96 dual) for a total of 232 members.

## New Members Cynde and Bruce

Cynde Durnford-Branecki and husband Bruce Branecki live in San Marcos. Their Miata is a 2004 Titanium Grey Mazdaspeed purchased at Escondido Toyota in 2008.

"It was a mid-life treat to me after the boys grew up and I didn't have to have a back seat. It suits me perfectly because I'm retired Navy and it's 'haze grey, underway.'"

Cynde is a Graphic Designer and enjoys the Arts, photography, sewing, quilting, beading. Their family includes his four sons Bruce, Brad, Blake and Bryant Branecki.

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

My first car was a bright green Triumph Spitfire and I've been in love with small convertibles since. The Miata gives me the same feeling as a British sports car without the repairs LOL.

Extent of total driving that will involve the Miata:

"Some during the week to work, when I'm not taking the commuter bus, and weekends a lot."

Any driving scares in your Miata:

"Always; people always seem to want to run me over! I drive with my lights on a lot."

Favorite San Diego County road (so far):

"Haven't met one that I didn't like because I love to drive. My fav is to drive with the top down at night so I can enjoy the stars."

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

"I love driving around the older neighborhoods and looking at the houses. Banker's Hill was nice."

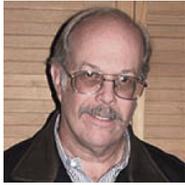
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### E-Mail

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

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.

## April Monthly Meeting: **April 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 \$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

**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](mailto: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.

**Auto Image Paintless** dent repair, leather/vinyl/plastic repair, headlight restoration & paint touch up. Free estimates at your home or work. Contact Britt Colton. 619-244-2227. Discount: 10%

### Chemical Guys

8680 Miralani Dr. Suite 125, San Diego, CA 92126. 858-527-1566  
[www.ChemicalGuys.com](http://www.ChemicalGuys.com)  
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10% discount on products on top of internet prices.

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**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%

**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](mailto:joe@knobmeister.com). 303-730-6060.

**Langka Corp.** Guaranteed paint chip and and restoration products. 800-945-4532. [www.langka.com](http://www.langka.com). Discount: 30%.

**Rocky's Miatomotive** 2951 Garnet Avenue, San Diego, CA 92109. 858-273-2547. 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).

### TJM Enterprises (formerly Magnolia

**Autobody).** Restorations, body work. 10027 Prospect Avenue, Santee. 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-Miata's 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.

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**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.

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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

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## Classifieds

### SALVAGE PARTS

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](mailto:wallymiata@gmail.com) or 619-203-2801 Wally Stevens SOCALM & SDMC member.

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