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Toys, Bling, and Music

By Mary and James Claus

For us, the day began with rain and we discovered a leaky window in our laundry room. A quick trip by James to our roof to remove the leaves and mud in the gutter solved the immediate problem, and off we went to Ferris Bueller’s Day Off. The event started at Mazda of Escondido, where Sloan (Laurie Waid), Cameron - complete with cigar (Steve Waid) – and, Ferris (Gene Streeter), greeted us.

Thanks to Mazda for their hospitality and for donating coffee, bagels, pastries, and juice while Ferris reviewed the various responses to why we were off work for the day. The winning excuse by Wally Stevens was that he was pinned to the table in his acupuncture session and could not get up to get to work. For his effort, he won an apple with a worm in it.

About 9:00 the rain had stopped, and 35 cars departed. Ferris told us to stay close together as we were going through several traffic lights and major gaps “just were not going to work,” So, not wanting to take the freeway, we went southwest on Del Dios Highway and onto S6 to see the gorgeous homes of Rancho Santa Fe with their lush landscaping and fancy gates. Passing the Del Mar Horse Park we were wondering just WHERE are we going? Into Sorrento Valley and pass San Diego Motorsports and the

Penasquitos Canyon Preserve and into a commercial district had us convinced we had no idea where we’d end up.

About 10:15, to our delight, we arrived at Ferrari & Maserati’s Service & Restoration Facility. We wandered around the service bay and restoration areas where we ooo’d and ahh’d the cars. One was a Ferrari costing \$335,000. I think it had a retractable hardtop and generated 557 hp. My favorite was a

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wine-colored Maserati Quattroporte sedan with a dove-colored leather interior and a twin-turbo V8 at only about \$150,000. It was not nearly so flashy but oh, so pretty. Our hostess Elizabeth Ducet even started one of the Ferraris so we could appreciate the strong engine sound (not at all like a Miata). By the time we left the facility about an hour later, we had blue skies and the Miata tops came down.

We high-tailed it back to North County using I-805 and I-5 and exited at Palomar Airport Road. We were convinced we were going to either the Carlsbad Flower Fields or the Karl Strauss Brewery for a tour and lunch. But no, we passed by both of them and continued on to the World Headquarters of the Gemological Institute of America (GIA). Because our appointment was for 12:15, we were about 30 minutes early, so we walked down the sidewalk and enjoyed the view of the Carlsbad flowers, windmill and ocean. When the time arrived, we went back to GIA, where security is TIGHT. We had to show personal ID, and the guard noted our license plate numbers. Once inside, we were treated to a lovely lunch of salad, lasagna, garlic bread, pulled pork, rigatoni noodles and cookies. Turns out GIA thought 35 PEOPLE would be coming, not 35 cars, but they did a very graceful recovery. We had a self-guided tour of the exhibits where we saw the famous jewel-encrusted bras where there was discussion about its size (an A or T cup, neither of which would be

comfortable.) We also saw an elaborate ivory statue, huge quartz crystals, and lots of gemstones. GIA is the headquarters for grading gems, has various gemology courses in identification and grading gemstones, and a jewelry design program. They are known and respected worldwide. To my surprise, we didn't see very many diamonds, but lots of topaz, rubies, sapphires, tanzanite and other unfamiliar gemstones.

We left there about 2:30 for our third destination by driving down the road a small way to the Museum of Making Music. Here we had a wonderful guided tour of music through time, starting with marches of Sousa, and progressing through ragtime, jazz, swing, rock n roll, rock, and the electrical noise of today. In each display we heard samples of the music and learned how it affected later music. We also saw the evolution of musical instruments including a real player piano, a display of various types of saxophones, and guitars. We were encouraged to play some instruments, and Kari Streeter took advantage of that offer to play Chariots of Fire on a clavino. And the final exhibit was a display of various banjos.

About 3:40, we headed home, having had a wonderful day of fancy cars, expensive jewels, and wonderful music. Thanks to Ferris for the event. We're looking forward to next year!

March Field Air Museum

By Jeff Frederick

On March 20, 2014, Daryled and Carlan Bristol led 13 Miatas and two OTMs from our familiar starting point at Deer Springs Road north a little over 50 miles on the I-15 and I-215 to the Van Buren exit off the I-215. This is where the March Field Air Museum is located on the old March Air Force Base. The museum is easily recognized by the orange and white checkerboard hanger situated right by the I-215 freeway. You probably have driven by it many

times and didn't realize what it was.

The museum was born in 1979 and opened to the public in 1980. At opening for the public, the museum had 3 aircraft on display. Now, the museum has over 70 aircraft parked near the I-215 for public viewing. You can wander among these vintage aircraft by yourself, with your friends, or you can sign up for a guided tour depending on docent availability.

(March Field Air Museum *continued*)



Photo by: Mark Booth

Old aircraft are a lot like old cars, I suppose. They either interest you or you would rather do something else for entertainment. However, the aircraft displayed at the March Field Air Museum played significant roles in our country's history. Many of these aircraft fought the battles of our World Wars and, in the case of the B-29, brought WWII to an end. It was on August 6, 1945 that Colonel Paul Tibbets, of the Army Air Corp, piloted his B-29 toward the center of Hiroshima, the site of an important Japanese army Headquarters. Colonel Tibbets released the atomic bomb known as Little Boy from 31,000 feet. At 1900 feet above the target, the atomic bomb exploded and turned Hiroshima into nothing but scorched earth. Shortly thereafter, the Japanese surrendered. It was really amazing to see a B-29 up close, and personal.

But whether airplanes and helicopters interest you or not, you have to appreciate that these flying machines were built in the interest of security of our nation. Many of the WWII aircraft, especially the B-17s were hand built by a civilian work force that included both men and women. Jan's mother worked in Long Beach during the 2nd World War building B-17s. She was one of the original "Rosie the Riveters."

Some of the most interesting aircraft displayed at the Museum include the above-mentioned B-17 Flying Fortress. You may recall this aircraft in the movie "Twelve O'clock High. Then there is the B-25 Mitchell which Jimmy Doolittle and his men flew from the aircraft carrier USS Hornet to bomb Japan.



Photo by: Mark Booth

(March Field Air Museum *continued*)

There was a movie made about Doolittle's raiders titled "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo."

There were aircraft on display representing the Korean Conflict, including the F-86 Sabre Jet and the MiG-15. Though the Sabre Jet was similar to the Mig in appearance and performance, our highly trained American fighter pilots flying the F-86 dominated the skies over Korea.

The Museum has a collection of enemy aircraft from the Vietnam conflict as well. These include the Mig-17, Mig-19, and Mig-21. It was the downing of 5 Mig aircraft in the Vietnam War that earned Randy Cunningham and his Radar Intercept Officer Willie Driscoll, the titles of "Ace."

Another aircraft that had to catch your attention should have been the B-52. That huge, eight-engine bomber was designed as a strategic nuclear bomber in the 50s and was later used to deliver conventional bombs in Vietnam. Each of these aircraft could carry one hundred 500 lb bombs by combining the bomb bay capacity with external bomb racks on the wings. It was a fearsome weapon during the Vietnam conflict. The B-52 parked at the Museum actually flew 175 combat missions in the Vietnam War.

If you are interested in historic aircraft, you could wander for hours among the rare aircraft displayed in the March Museum site. I believe something that most people never think about is these complex, high performance aircraft were flown by young men (and now women as well) who were really just kids. I was just 24 years old when I began flying the F-4 Phantom. At that time it was the combat aircraft that held nearly all speed and time-to-climb records in the world. Daryled was a helicopter crewman and gunner flying Combat Search and Rescue missions. I think Daryled was even younger than me at the time. Essentially all the aircrews, no matter what aircraft they flew, were very young. I guess it's a lot like Formula One racing – a young person's sport indeed. If you're old enough to know better, you're too old. There is a famous saying that has been around the aviation community since the early days of aviation:

"There are old pilots and there are bold pilots, but there are no old bold pilots."

The museum had many exhibits housed in the hangars such as aircraft engines, missiles and bombs and even a cut-away cockpit from a B-47 strategic bomber. There were displays of uniforms and flight gear. There is even a flight simulator that visitors can try their hand at flying a plane.

The museum turned out to be much bigger than any of us expected. There were many displays that were missed by some. You would have to go back another day to see all you missed. I know I'm going back, and I've been there twice.

Following the tour of the March Field Air Museum we all headed back down the freeway and stopped for lunch in Murrieta at Richie's Diner. The restaurant was prepared for our arrival and had reserved a special room for our party. Everyone thought the food was great and the price was very reasonable. Steve Waid consumed both a Malt AND a Milk Shake (Oops, Sorry Steve. Did you forget to tell Laurie?) Got to remember Richie's next time we head north on the freeway.

This was a different kind of run for the Club. There were no twisties to challenge us – just a follow the leader up the freeway. The destination was superior to the drive this time.



Photo by: Mark Booth

President's Remarks

By: Neal Mills

Thank you for trusting me to lead SDMC for another year. At our annual meeting, April 12th, the entire board was reelected. The other Board members, Vice President, Christy Pluciennik, Treasurer, Laurie Waid, and Secretary, Rainer Mueller, also thank you for your support and trust.

April was a busy month for the club. For the fifth time, Ferris Bueller (aka Gene Streeter) encouraged us to ditch work and led us astray during his Day Off run. As always, Ferris took us to interesting places that are right under our noses but that most of us have never been to. For example, this year the run included stops at the Maserati facility in Mira Mesa, and Gemological Institute of American and Museum of Making Music in Carlsbad. We had a couple of back country runs. I led the Downunder Friends Run in honor of Gai and Lou Iazzi who were visiting from

Australia. Pete Pollero led the Roller Coaster Run. Don't know how Pete found all the roads he used but they were SPECTACULAR! Cruising Grand started up again and will continue on the first Friday of the month through September. We also had a couple of mid-week runs. Wayne and Glenda Johnson led a run to Borrego Springs and Dan and Chris Garcia celebrated Cinco de Mayo by leading a run to Ramona for lunch. Both runs included lunch stops at Mexican restaurants.

The past couple of months have pretty active, but we need some weekend runs to flesh out the calendar for the next couple of months. If you've been thinking on leading a run, please contact Jeff and Jan Frederick. They will be happy to help you through the process. It isn't hard. No, really, it isn't.

Have a great Zoom-Zoom summer, Neal



Photo by: Mark Booth

Annual Meeting Report

By: Mary Claus

To kick things off, Laurie Waid presented President Neal Mills with a green Miata sweatshirt as a thanks for his efforts over the past year.

Membership – Chris and Linda reported that in 2013 we had 168 memberships which dropped to 100 in January and is now at 147 representing 168 Miatas. There are 43 MAs, 73 NBs, and 42 NCs.

Events – Jeff Frederick reported that we had 79 events in 2013 consisting of monthly meetings, impromptu runs, parades, formal runs, air shows, tech days, and miscellaneous events. That's a LOT. We had 3 events put on by first-timers who earned

their magnetics. His goal now is to have more new people present events and earn their magnetics. He also asked everyone to **USE THE CALENDAR ON THE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS ON THE EVENTS.** Jan works very hard to keep it up to date and accurate.

Twists N Turns – No one from the newsletter team was present, but Neal pointed out that they are trying to get the newsletter out earlier in the month. He also reported that they missed one month of publication because there was only one article submitted. He encouraged everyone to contribute to the newsletter.

Treasurer – Laurie Waid reported that in April 2013, we had \$11,515.30 in the bank. As of March 31,



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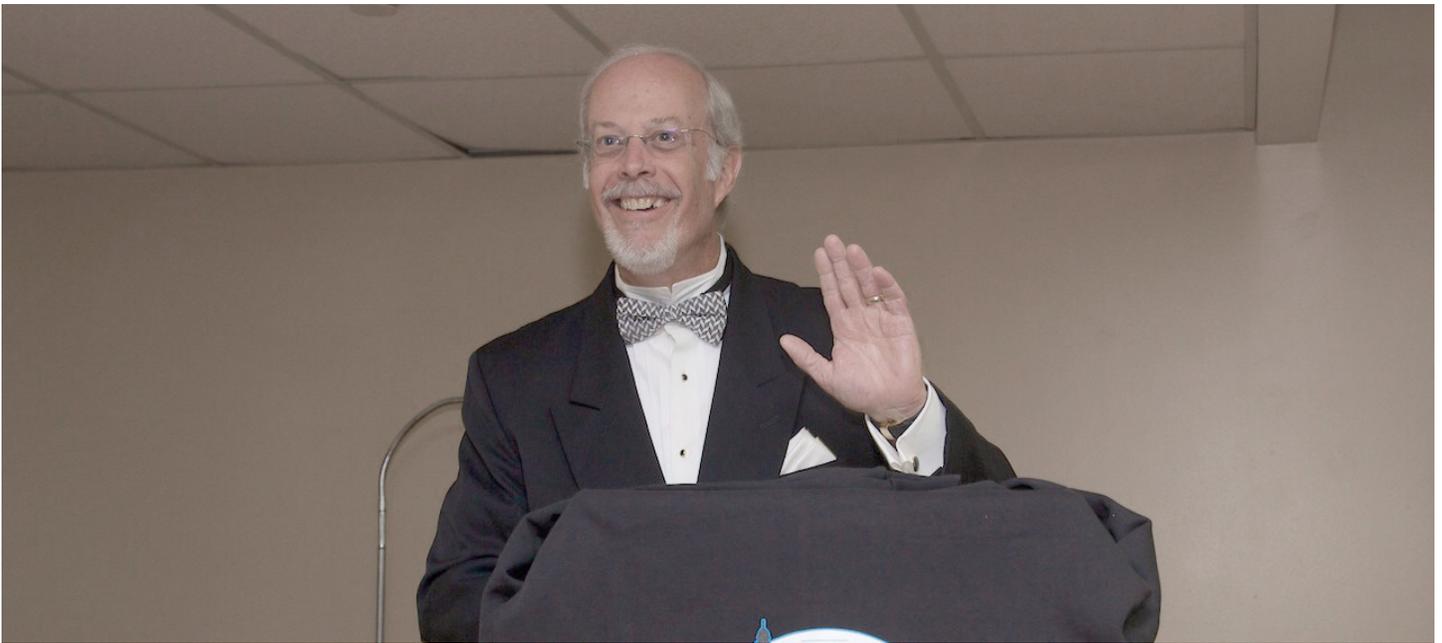


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2014, we had \$14,476.65. Biggest expenses were newsletter and mailing, Holiday Party, and Club Picnic but these were planned expenses and are the benefits of membership. Income came from dues, opportunity drawings, Mark's photo sale to Mazda, and Regalia \$700 profit. She also said \$1500 has been set aside for Surf 'N' Safari 2015.

Election of Officers – The current board was re-elected with Neal Mills as President, Christy Pluciennik as Vice President, Rainer Mueller as Secretary and Laurie Waid as Treasurer.

ByLaws Change – Neal explained the two proposed changes to our bylaws and the reasons for the change. Change 1 was to change the Annual Meeting date from April to November which is more in line with our fiscal year and makes for an easier transition. The second change was to make the officers' terms from Jan 1 to Dec. 31 of the same year to be in line with change 1. These changes were passed 28 to 1.

Neal indicated as a result of these changes, there would be another Election of Officers in November and that he did not intend to run again as he felt we needed some "new blood" in the Presidential seat. Surf 'N' Safari 2014 – Christy Pluciennik and Rainer

Mueller presented a slide show of Surf 'N' Safari 2004 to show newcomers to the club as it was like to host this 3-day Miata party. They are working to select a location and offered for consideration the Spring Hill Suites (a new Marriott hotel in Oceanside near the pier) as an excellent location due to being close to the surf, sunsets, having reasonable prices, and being new. One drawback is having only valet parking unless we use a nearby parking garage. Someone suggested having the location farther south in San Diego proper but pricing may be prohibitive. Rainer and Christy are looking at alternative locations. They asked the members if they wanted to do a Surf 'N' 2015 event and would volunteer to put it on. The members voted a strong YES. A committee will be formed to plan the event. Gene Streeter and Rosi Romero then presented the 2013 Grammy Awards, an event which garnered itself its own article.

Steve and Laurie Waid raffled off three tote bags from Regalia. Diane Foster, Todd and Christy Pluciennik, and Rosie Romero were the winners. The meeting was closed and we all enjoyed the club's birthday cake. Afterwards some members went to the grassy section outside the Auto Museum for a picnic lunch.

Pauma Valley Lions Club Charity Poker Run

By: Sonny Portacio

Last year's Lions Club Charity Poker Run was amazing! Fresh air, stunning scenery, choice roads, a hot Carne Asada lunch and the great feeling you get knowing that you're making a difference and helping those in need.

Over 100 miles of the driving route take you through some of the most beautiful rural driving in North County. At each of the several stops, you'll get another playing card to add to your "Poker Hand". You can also purchase one additional bonus card to give you a better chance to improve your hand. At the end of the run, prizes will be awarded for the

best hand and the worst hand. Other opportunities to help support the sight and vision charity comes in the form of raffle tickets. The prizes for the raffle are wide and varied but include abundant local fresh produce, (Avocados, oranges, and other delicacies) some of the most delicious around!

Let's have a great showing from the San Diego Miata Club! Come join the Pauma Valley Lions Club have a great time in the sunshine and fine road and do a good deed in helping sight / vision services for those in need!

Check out some pictures from last year's Lions Club Charity Poker Run: <http://j.mp/1ipKm7d>

AND THE WINNER IS....

By: Mary Claus

The fun began with Gene Streeter (dressed in a tux) and Rosi Romero (dressed in a gorgeous blue gown with a sapphire and diamond necklace and earrings) as our hosts. They were humorous and made a fun presentation so there was much laughter. Jeff and Jan Frederick, Neal Mills, Gene and Rosi reviewed the events of 2013 and made the selections:

Best Supporting Actor or Actress

Candidates were: Greg Lee (redneck Santa's elf at Holiday Party), Laurie Waid (rendition of Sloan in Ferris Bueller's Day off plus great job of managing club finances), Todd Pluciennik (rendition of Mr. Todd in Mr. Todd's Wild ride), Steve Waid (perpetual club supporter and singing expert), Carlan Bristol (behind the scenes keeping Daryled warm and fuzzy and opportunity drawing ticket sales), Cathy Booth (tireless hostess and Mark Booth's navigator and sounding board), Ginny McLaughlin (constant

volunteer for whatever is needed and Dennis Garon (cofounder of favorite fund-raiser).

And the Winner is....Ginny McLaughlin

Best Movie Adaptation or Dramatic Sequel

Candidates were: 10th Annual Moon Over Miatas (Dawn Coats), Annual Holiday Party (Christy Pluciennik), Twilight Run #19 (Mark & Cathy Booth), Mr. Todd's Wild Ride (Christy & Todd Pluciennik), New Year's Day Rosi Run (Rosi Romero), Daily Drive-in Run (Leo Dailey), Pre MX5 Cup Karting (Steve and Laurie Waid), Ferris Bueller's Day Off V (Gene and Bonnie Streeter), Train Run II (Les Smith), Racer's Run III (Steve Waid), Search for Madonna 2013 (Steve & Laurie Waid), Summer Picnic (Pam and Dave Hunt), Mother Goose Parade (Ginny McLaughlin), Pauma Valley Lions Club Poke Run (Ginny McLaughlin), and 2nd Annual San Marcos Time Traveler's Car Show & Poker Run (Dawn Coats).

And the winner is.....Mr. Todd's Wild Ride

(And The Winner Is *continued*)

Best Hosting of a Public, Club, or Charitable Event

Candidates were: Main Street America (Steve & Laurie Waid), Cottonwood Street Festival (Steve Waid), Miatas at the Del Mar Fair (Steve & Laurie Waid and Diane Foster), 6 months' of Cruisin' Grand (Steve & Laurie Waid), Carlsbad High School Lancer Day Parade (Laurie Waid), Range Bernardo Spirit of the 4th Parade (Jeff & Jan Frederick), Summer Picnic (Pam & Dave Hunt), Holiday Party (Christy Pluciennik), San Marcos Holiday Parade (Steve & Laurie Waid), Fiesta de Vino Run & Silent Auction (Dennis & MaryAnn Garon), 2nd Annual San Marcos Time Traveler's Car Show & Poker Run (Dawn Coats), Warriors United Car Show (Mark & Cathy Booth), 2013 Annual Meeting & Luncheon (Sue Hinkle), San Diego Assn of Car Club's Picnic & Membership Drive (Steve and Laurie Waid), Pizza and Classic Cars (Lou & Ruth Stark), Mazda of El Cajon/Rady Children's Hospital Car Show (Jeff & Jan Frederick), Mother Goose Parade (Ginny McLaughlin), and the Coronado Speed Festival (Steve & Laurie Waid).

And the winner is.....Summer Picnic

Best Overnight Event

Candidates were: Annual Coastal Cruise (Neal & Grace Mills, Steve & Laurie Waid, and CJ Kagamaster), Las Vegas Get A-Way (Alan Kagan & Jill Wilson), Topless Sun Run (Neal & Grace Mills, Dell Pound), Flyin' Miata Summer Camp & Tour (Gene Streeter, Steve & Laurie Waid), 6 Peaks Overnight Run (Alan Kagan & Jill Wilson), Pioneer Saloon 100-year Anniversary Run to Goodsprings, NV (Wally Stevens), Winter Retreat (co-hosts Steve & Laurie Waid), and Search for Madonna (Steve & Laurie Waid).

And the winner is....Topless Sun Run

Best New Run or Event

Candidates were: Impromptu Run with Miata Aussies (Neal & Grace Mills), Mr. Todd's Wild Ride (Christy & Todd Pluciennik), The Scrooge Run (Dawn Coats), Las Vegas Get Away (Alan Kagan & Jill Wilson), LA Auto Show by Train (Rainer Mueller), Sweet Valentine Run (Daryled & Carlan Bristol), and Dead President's Run (Ally Shev, Reese Gunderson, and Dennis Sullivan).

And the winner is....The Scrooge Run

Best Combination of Cuisine, Scenery & Driving

Candidates were: Ferris Bueller's Day Off (Gene & Bonnie Streeter), Run to Summer Picnic (Ginny McLaughlin), 19th Annual Twilight Run (Mark & Cathy Booth), Sweet Valentine Run (Daryled & Carlan Bristol), Dead President's Run (Ally Fairbanks & Reese Gunderson), Mr. Todd's Wild Ride (Christy & Todd Pluciennik), Topless Sun Run (Neal & Grace Mills, Dell Pound), Flyin' Miata Summer Camp Tour (Gene Streeter, Steve & Laurie Waid), Search for Madonna (Steve & Laurie Waid), New Year's Day Rose Run (Rosi Romero & Bob Gish), The Scrooge Run (Dawn Coats), Racer's Run III (Steve Waid), Pre-MX5 Cup Karting (Steve & Laurie Waid), 6 Peaks Overnight Run (Alan Kagan & Jill Wilson), Topless Sun Run (Neal & Grace Mills, Dell Pound), and Mt. Baldy Run (Alan Kagan & Jill Wilson).

And the winner is....6 Peaks Overnight Run

Best Documentary, Short Subject, or Instructional Film (AKA Geezer Runs)

Candidates were: Run to Corvette Diner (Steve & Laurie Waid), The movie RUSH (John DeGrazia), Movie Snake and Mongoose (Steve Waid), Spring into March Run to March AFB (Daryled & Carlan Bristol), Run to Rainbow for Lunch (Neal & Grace Mills), Idyllwild Lunch & Impromptu Run (Diane Foster), Tech Days and Rocky's Miatomotive #5, #6, #7 (Rocky Murphy), Impromptu Run to Phil's BBQ (Mark & Cathy Booth), Showstopper's Detail Clinic (Daryled Bristol), Impromptu North County Run and Lunch (Alan Kagan & Jill Wilson).

And the winner is....Idyllwild Lunch & Impromptu Lunch

Best Run of a Continuing Series

And the winner is....Ferris Bueller's Runs #1, #2, #3, #4, and #5

Member of the Year Award

And the winner is....Jeff and Jan Frederick for their work in coordinating 79 events in 2013

Thanks to everyone for filling our calendar with some old, some new.

ROLLER COASTER RUN SUMMARY

By: Pete Pollero

As I had inferred in the Roller Coaster bio, this run was not for the faint of heart, as it was technically challenging in certain areas. We had our sudden drop offs, some with a corresponding left shift in the road, great views of homes, estates, hills, and ponds (one pond even surrounded a home), of course, the views were only available if you were brave enough to take your eyes off the road for even a second. There were roller coaster down and ups, plenty of dips, lots of off camber turns, nine to ten percent grade hills (next run in this area, we will go down the hill), upheaval in the middle of the road (how's that lowered Miata doing?), pot holes, sudden left turn or you fly off a cliff, so on and so forth. You see, no one ever said these features couldn't be in a run, just avoid dirt roads about as much as truckers and Jeeps avoid Miatas. (Yes that last part was inferred as well).

Jan Fredericks was a great navigator and kept everyone informed of upcoming features or obstacles. Even though I was concentrating on driving, I heard "woo hoo" type sounds several times, coming from the CB after a quick lowering and rise in elevation.

I have to say, even though I had not considered

planning a run as something to be on my bucket list, I probably should have, as this was one of the most rewarding events I've taken part of in a long time, due in large part to having a great group of people joining in on the fun. We had 19 cars and nearly double the souls along onboard.

Some of the comments heard, whether from the CB or after the run have gone like this: "I live in Fallbrook and didn't know some of these roads even existed." "Great run." "Best first run I've ever seen." "Well put together." "Perfect roads for Miatas." "Great navigation from Jan." "Should have been named 'Squirrely Roller Coaster Run'"

When we reached the Santa Rosa Plateau, we had a nice 15 minute wind down prior to meeting at the restaurant. This is kind of like letting a turbo charged engine idle for a little bit after a hard run – those darned spools (akin to our nerves) may still be spinning.

While the temperature was ideal in Fallbrook, by the time we arrived in Murrieta the temperature was still nice, only with the feeling that the sun's flare ups were directly taking aim at Murrieta. Hmmm, are there any scientists in the club that would like to test that theory?



Photo by: Mark Booth

El Viaje en Cinco de Mayo

By: Mary & James Claus

It was our second anniversary. Yes, we were married May 5, 2012. And because our relationship really started when I invited James to visit me from his home in Texas so we could do the Moon Over Miatas summer desert run, it seemed appropriate that we celebrate our anniversary with our Miata friends.

We started the day with an almost-free breakfast at the Golden Egg Omelet House because I had won a gift certificate from my volunteer efforts at the Escondido Library.

As we got into Maryata, I discovered James had purchased a gizmo that attached his iPod to the Miata's radio system so we could listen to our music using the car's speakers. When he plugged it in, the first tune that played was Shania Twain's Always and Forever, which was one of our wedding songs. I was amazed that it was the first song; then realized that James had programmed the gizmo to do just that. (Sometimes I'm quite slow). And we spent the rest of the day listening to Neil Diamond, Fleetwood Mac, Pink Floyd, Barbra Streisand and other favorite musicians.

After a few kisses we proceeded to Westfield Mall in Escondido to start the run. El Jefe Dan with his long-horn "moustache" and Chris surprised us all with gift bags with a ball & basket toy and Mexican candies. They also prepared a page detailing Cinco de Mayo history. The day celebrates the Mexican defeat over the better French Army in 1862. "The victory came to symbolize unity and pride for what seemed like a Mexican David defeating a French Goliath. It helped establish a much-needed sense of national unity and patriotism. Mexicans and Latinos living in California during the American Civil War are credited with being the first to celebrate Cinco de Mayo in the United States." On June 7, 2005 Congress called on President George W. Bush to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe

the day with ceremonies and activities."

And so, about 11:30 AM, fourteen bandito cars headed out of Westfield Mall being pursued by the posse into the hills of North County. We had lots of zoom-zoom roads on some of our favorite roads like Lake Wolhford and the south grade of Palomar Mountain road. We stopped at the Palomar Mountain General Store and Mother's Kitchen for a snack and potty break, then continued across CA-76 eastbound, passed Lake Henshaw and turned onto Mesa Grande for even more zooming. As we traveled CA-79 southbound, we snuck past the posse (Highway Patrol) as he was on the shoulder having his afternoon siesta under a shade tree. We turned on Old Julian Highway west-bound and actually PASSED Dudley's. I didn't know that was possible on a Miata run, but they were closed for the holiday. More curves on Old Julian Highway took us onto 3rd Street in Ramona for the Nuevo Grill and our Mexican lunner (lunch/dinner) about 2:30.

And there, James and I received an anniversary card from our fellow banditos. What a wonderful day to celebrate our special day. Thanks to everyone, especially Dan and Chris Garcia for making it all happen. Muchas gracias!



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Photo by: Mary Claus



Photo by: Mark Booth

Upcoming Events

By: Jeff and Jan Frederick

Date	Event	Time	Meeting Location	Point of Contact
Thursday, May 22	SDMC Meeting	7:00 – 8:00PM	Boll Weevil Restaurant, 9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego, CA 92123	Neal Mills, nealmills@aol.com
Saturday, May 31	Festa Do Brasil	3:00 – 7:00PM	Garons' Home, 1843 Da Gama Ct., Escondido, CA	Maryanne & Dennis Garon, dmgaron@cox.net
Friday, June 6	Cruisin' Grand	6:00 – 8:30PM	Tom's #23, 505 W. 5th Ave., Escondido, CA 92025	Steve Waid, swaid@cox.net
Saturday, June 7	Memorial Celebration for Dyanna	10:00AM – 12:30PM	First United Methodist Church, 2111 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego, CA (along I-8 opposite Mission Valley Shopping Center)	Les Smith, lessmith@san.rr.com
Sunday, June 22	MCRD Car Show on the Bay	Setup: 7:00 – 10:00AM		
Car Show: 11:00AM – 3:00PM	Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Bay View Lawn. Enter through Gate #1, Barnett Ave. entrance	Brad Kuller, KULLERBJ@usmc-mccs.org		
Thursday, June 26	Miatas at the Fair	9:00AM – 3:00PM	Albertsons Parking Lot, 2707 Via de la Valle, Del Mar	Steve Waid, swaid@cox.net
Thursday, June 26	SDMC Meeting	7:00 – 8:00PM	Boll Weevil Restaurant, 9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego, CA 92123	Neal Mills, nealmills@aol.com



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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:

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.

Next Monthly Meeting: **May 22, 2014**

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 including magnetic fasteners. Add \$2 for shipping to your home. Badge request forms are available at the Regalia table at monthly meetings and on sandiegomiataclub.org in the "Regalia" section. All orders must be prepaid.

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

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%

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 and restoration products. 800-945-4532. 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-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%

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 El Cajon. 619-590-3700. Discount: 20% on parts and labor. VIP Membership: 3 oil changes for \$19.95 with \$5 going to Rady's Children's Hospital.

Mazda of Escondido. 760-737-3200. Discount: 20% on most parts; 15% on labor (not including smog). 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

David Bryan your friendly neighborhood REALTOR; Pacific Sotheby's International Realty. I sell garages with homes! I will provide SDMC members who buy or sell a home through me with a free 1-year home warranty. DAVID BRYAN 619.334.4625 DavidBrealtor@cox.net DRE#01009295

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