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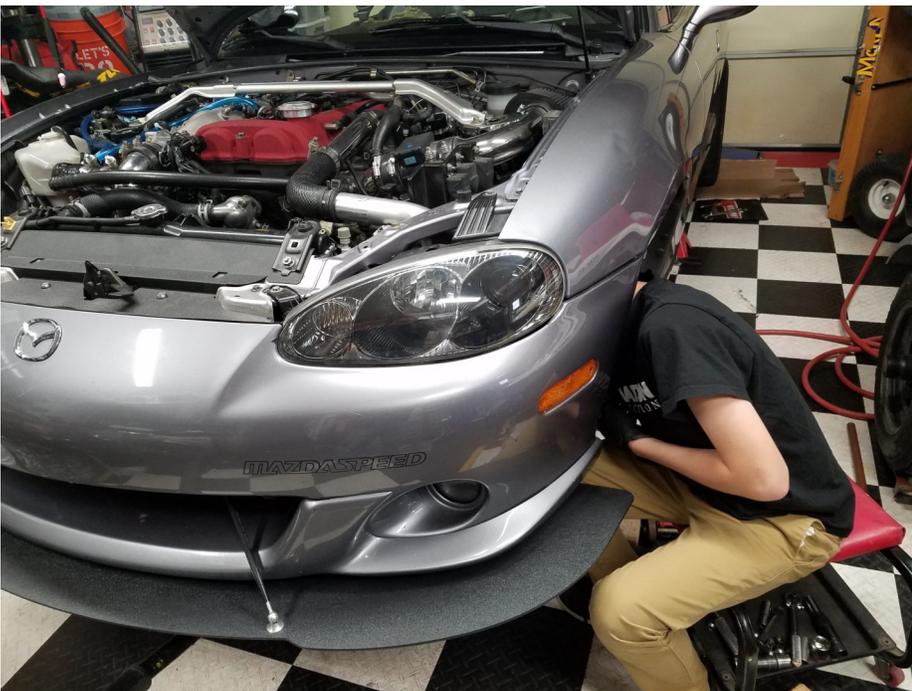
March 2017

Dune's Garage

Words and Photo by Rob Mallory

On the way back from Moreno Valley, we knew we had a keeper.

The Mariner Blue car gave us miles of smiles when we drove it. This car was different; it gave onlookers miles of smiles too. On the way back to its new hometown, there were constant swarms of bumblebees. I mean, big-wing, cambered out JDM tuner cars. Those normally annoying kids who drive 95 mph and swerve in and out of traffic. It must have been a tuner-winter-migration or something because there were at least 10 or so over the course of the hour long drive down the 215 and 15 back to San Diego. Same thing each time, the tuner would get ready to pass on the right, then slow down and pull up next to us, inch forward, notice the front splitter, the loud exhaust, and then pull back to check us out. Dune says "Give it a little Brapp!" and I'd push the clutch in, rev it up a bit, and slip the clutch to lunge forward 5 feet and make the sweet sound of a blow-off valve. Thumbs up or a nod from the tuners, and they would get back on it and get back to their normal 95 cruising speed. At one point, we had 3 or 4 of them who just stuck around to check it out for a while. It was kind of weird. I mean, this is not an exotic sports car... Or is it... This weekend at the Big-3 swap meet I kept taunting Dune every time I would see some muffler for sale... He kept resisting. NOPE! No way. We are keeping it just as it is. So be warned: If you are ever behind us on a Miata Run, and the exhaust is a bit annoying, then feel free to pass. But if you are behind us at a big track, say Mazda Speedway in October, then move over, because LOLMX5 is livin' Dunes dream... getting more mods, and getting more speed... MazdaSpeed. If he doesn't pass you on that day, be assured he will someday soon!



Dune Mallory, under the fender of his "new" Mazdaspeed. Dune is SDMC's youngest member at 15, with his mom Misty and dad Rob. Rob will be updating us monthly on Dune's mechanical adventure as he works on Dune's dream.

I GUESS IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO

Steve Waid

I have said many times after I retired that I hated it when I learned something new. It has always been fun for me to expound on how my RAM is full so that if I have to learn something new then I have to forget something I already knew.

It was a year ago this March when I started volunteering as a docent at the San Diego Auto Museum. It was VP, Jon Connor that invited me to join him at the museum to see what was involved in being a volunteer. Jon has been a volunteer for a few years and said that I would be perfect for the job. Perfect may be an overstatement, but I certainly find talking with people from anywhere and everywhere extremely enjoyable. My daughter's family got me a t-shirt for Christmas that says on the front, "Will talk cars with anyone". I now proudly wear the shirt when I "work" at the museum. My shift is once a week on Monday, from 10 am to 2 pm. Then I go home and take a nap.

SOME THINGS THAT I HAVE LEARNED

When I began my Monday shifts in March of 2016, Balboa Park had just begun celebrating its 100 year anniversary. Learning about the history of Balboa Park and the buildings that house the nearly 20 museums that reside there has been an eye opener. San Diegans have a real treasure in Balboa Park, and many of us just take it for granted. I know I did.

WHAT ABOUT THE SAN DIEGO AUTO MUSEUM...

The Auto Museum first opened in 1989. (Factoid number one) Did you know that there is a National Association of Auto Museums? Neither did I. Our museum received the Trendsetter award for 2015 in recognition of small Auto Museums across the country. What was it that earned the award you ask? Well, there are two major things that San Diego does that now other museums are beginning to mimic. 1) Cars are not displayed "warehouse style". 2) Every four months a new themed display is put in place and cars are changed out, displays are moved around, and new signing and displays are brought in. The first year I was a docent, we had themed displays entitled, "The British Invasion", "Star Cars" (movie and television cars), and "Station Wagons, the Weekend Warriors". I have to admit that I was forced to learn something about automotive history, and its influence on society, with each special display.

SO, WHAT IS THE SPECIAL THEME CURRENTLY?

Beginning the first of February the new themed display is entitled "First Responders". You can probably figure out what you could expect to see, but as I learned, it would not be completely correct.

It is, after all, an automotive museum so you would expect to see fire trucks and police cars. And, you would be correct. However, the history of "First Responders" is riddled with change and improvement. The historical focus is on San Diego, as you might expect. However, think beyond Fire and Police. San Diego responders include Sheriffs, Lifeguard, Coast Guard, Marine, and Navy.

Additionally, consider when there is a major disaster of some kind. Most often in San Diego County it is wild fires. Have you begun to notice the coordination of responders from out of the area? I never really thought about it, and how the coordination of the various organizations works. Without trying to be too detailed, I will merely say that the city would request help from the county, then the state, and then federal assistance. Are you familiar with FEMA?

Just this past weekend while participating in Autocross at Qualcomm Stadium I casually noticed a "fire truck looking" vehicle come out of the storage facility in the southwest corner of the parking lot area. On the side was an official seal and the words, "Urban Search and Rescue". Never heard of it! I now know that the seal was FEMA. The mission of those assigned to Urban Search and Rescue is to help in the cases of building collapses, trench cave ins, large multi-car accidents, and natural disasters.

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE AUTOMOBILES?

Yes, I got side-tracked. When I learn something, I tend to get away from the vehicles for a moment.

In the special display this time are some very interesting and historic vehicles.

1. 1952 Seagrave Pumper
2. 1953 Ford Mainline Police Cruiser
3. 1972 Chevrolet Van Ambulance

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4. 1926 Buick Police Paddy Wagon
5. 1991 Ford "Crown Vic"
6. 1999 Kawasaki Police Special motorcycle
7. 1998 HMMWV Marine Brush Fire Rig
8. HMMWV USMC Ambulance, known by marines as the "Winnebago" because it is air conditioned
9. Displays of uniforms, equipment, and more

After my experiences in the last year, I encourage you to visit the San Diego Automotive Museum every four months to see what you might learn. And, don't forget the treasure that is Balboa Park.

Top to Bottom:

- # 8, HumVee "Winnebago"
- #4, 1926 Buick Police Paddy Wagon
- #1, Seagrave Pumper Fire Truck

Photos by Steve Waid



SDMC MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

For March 2017

Welcome to our newest members of 2017...

Paul Alaimo	San Diego	2016 Meteor Gray
Caroline Boaz & Eddy Boskamp	Chula Vista	2004 Classic Red
Kevin Bond	Carlsbad	2016 Soul Red Metallic
Norm Brewer	La Jolla	1999 British Racing Green
Lisa & Ron Clarke	San Diego	2005 Classic Red [MZDA MLC]
Scott & Julie Cox	San Diego	2016 Ceramic Metallic
Evan Kwan & Kelsey Lien	San Diego	2002 Emerald Mica
Takayuki Matsuo	Chula Vista	2017 Machine Gray
Dave & Jan Shapiro	Poway	2014 Meteor Gray
Marcus & Kimberly Speckhahn	Escondido	2016 Soul Red Metallic
Thomas & Teresa West	Borrego Springs	2016 Meteor Gray Mica

Welcome back after a short break in membership...

Paul Przybysz	Cardiff	2004 Velocity Red
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Your SDMC Membership Team has lagged significantly in processing 2017 renewal applications and providing updates to our members – for this we apologize. There is light at the end of the tunnel as we diligently catch up with our backlog.

As of 2/15/2017, only 49% of our 2016 membership has renewed; the remaining 83 are encouraged to download and print the Renewal application from the SDMC website (For Members >> Renewal Application) and mail it with a check to the address on the form, soonest, or bring it to the next monthly meeting.

Renewal Membership Cards.

As presented at the November 2016 annual members meeting, it's estimated many (most?) members never use their laminated card throughout the year, carefully filing it away in a dark corner to gather dust until the next annual card joins it. To reduce costs associated with producing and mailing cards, the Membership Team will send the member an email confirming completion of their renewal in the Club's membership database, and offering to provide a replacement card if the member desires. They only need to reply to the email to request the card. Easy. An update to the Renewal Application form will include an "opt in" selection to receive the new card.

Thanks for your continued patience and support.

Chris & Linda, SDMC Membership Team
membership@SanDiegoMiataClub.org



March/April Events

		TIME	LOCATION	WHO TO CONTACT?
MAR 4	KARTING CHALLENGE CCoSD vs BMWs vs Mx5s	10 TO 3 PM	1709 MAIN STREET SAN DIEGO	CRAIG MOYA
MAR 23	MONTHLY MEETING	6 PM EAT 7 PM MEET	THE HAMBURGER FACTORY 14122 MIDLAND ROAD POWAY CA	GENE STREETER PRESIDENT@ SANDIEGOMIATACLUB.ORG
MAR 25	THE BS RUN	DRIVERS' MEETING 9:45 AM	START AT DUDLEYS RUN TO BORREGO SPRINGS FOR LUNCH, DESSERT IN BOULEVARD AT THE KERNES	LONNIE AND KAY KEARNS
APRIL 7	CRUISIN' GRAND ESCONDIDO	6 PM CRUISE 7 PM BBQ AT WAIDS	MEET AT WESTFIELD NORTH COUNTY UNDER THE SIGN NORTH OF BJ'S RESTAURANT CRUISE TIL 7, BBQ AFTER AT THE WAIDS	PLEASE RSVP TO THE WAIDS SWAID@COX.NET 760.432.0727
APRIL 8	MOTT MUSEUM RUN	8:30 AM TO 1:30 PM	PARK N RIDE AT HWY 76 AND I- 15 LUNCH AT ANNIE'S CAFE	JON & MELINDA CONNOR
APR 27	MONTHLY MEETING	6 PM EAT 7 PM MEET	THE HAMBURGER FACTORY 14122 MIDLAND ROAD POWAY CA	GENE STREETER PRESIDENT@ SANDIEGOMIATACLUB.ORG

Don't forget to check the website calendar for the latest in Events information.

If you don't check it, you may miss out! All the details, including meeting times, places and contacts are fully covered there!

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Rear View Mirror

Words and photos by Gene Streeter

"Days of Wine and Roses"

Cruisin' the Central Coast, Miata style

It's been a few years since I joined in the fun, sans Bonnie and Miata. Mid-day Friday, Neal Mills and I joined the rest of our SDMC contingent at Boccaccio's in Westlake Village, after nearly driving all the way to Oxnard. Not quite sure what possessed us to inquire, but we did; laying waste to the widely-held notion that men are largely incapable of asking directions. Because of the multiple restaurants bearing the same name, Siri wasn't a lick of help getting us to the rendezvous location; "Laurie" was. While my preference was to have Bonnie join me, she had just returned from a "sister's outing" in the Caribbean. Grace Mills was still feeling poorly; our decision was driven by simple economics and knowing we're both "good company."

All seventeen of us wanted to support our San Joaquin Valley hosts in their effort to do something dramatically different this year, focused on the lower portion of California's cherished Central Coast. Friday afternoon would find us in Oxnard, then dinner with event organizers Juanita and Jim McKee. Basics of white rice and grilled, cubed chicken were topped with your choice of flavors and textures. Jim swears all of the food and containers came out of their NC; even dessert. Considering they fed nearly fifty happy wanderers, my first thought was "it had to have been freeze-dried." Too cynical? I let it go as "their culinary skills were exceeded only by their packing skills."

Next morning, it was off to visit the Casa de Herrera, a Montecito mansion in the Spanish/Andalusian/ Moorish design custom built for St. Louis industrialist George Fox Steedman and family. Yes, you can correctly pronounce it "Sted-man," but you shouldn't confuse it with the name of fellow Montecito manse owner Oprah Winfrey and her man "Stedman." Broken into four groups of 12, the 95-minute tour of the highly-stylized grounds, gardens, and home was as detailed as any I've taken of Hearst Castle. I learned that some of the same antiquarians (dear readers, none of you are being disparaged – Ed.) were responsible for furnishing both elegant homes.

Where Hearst might have enjoyed "rarity" for rarity's sake, Mr. Steedman instilled a sense of family identify and



an even deeper sense of humor in some of his designs. The careful selection of European doors, windows, even designs in iron were integrated into the home and grounds. After all, Casa de Herrera translates to "House of the Blacksmith." Completed in 1925, the family began occupying the home, but landscaping and hardscape projects persisted into the Great Depression. He commissioned, or built, an 800-lb barbeque and pressed it into daily service. The word went out "You can work here and eat a great meal." Speaking of which, our docent shared the gardens are still productive and the perks of the job are the fresh fruits and vegetables; I can attest to the ripeness of the oranges. While I'm guilty of receiving the purloined citrus, I didn't commit the theft of what we thought was a blood orange.



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Rolling Stones Gather at Moss

To be clear ... I'm not referring to *the* Rolling Stones, but sharing a clever take on an old adage; something both British linguists and automakers have been doing for decades. That's not to suggest that Mick and the boys don't already purchase their British car spares at Moss Motors, but that you shouldn't have expected the satisfaction of seeing them there. Running slightly behind "schedule," we drove straightaway from Montecito to Goleta, a Mecca of sorts for the British collector car crowd – Moss Motors. That business dates to 1948, under the thumb of Al Moss and his vision of providing necessary hard parts for fellow sports car enthusiasts and racers. Campaigning a succession of MG models, he was already hoarding or importing the parts he needed ... why not make a business out of it? There's a more detailed account available if you're interested. Here's the link: <https://www.hemmings.com/magazine/hsx/2013/10/Moss-Motors/3730411.html>

Courtesy of the SJVMC, and Chris Knight, of Moss Motors, we toured the Goleta facility, learned some of its history and its influence on the car hobby. An impressive warehouse facility in its own right, we learned its newer Virginia sibling is even larger. Some of the Miata faithful gathered there were surprised to learn the largest volume of their sales are British "spares." Makes perfect sense, though, when you consider the number of makes (Austin, MG, Triumph, Classic Mini, and Jaguar), models, years, and part numbers being covered. For those of us taking advantage of the discount being offered, lunch was cut

short by the buying experience. Lest you be concerned, we were able to survive until dinner.

"City of Arts and Flowers"

On to Lompoc, for a lesson in art and social behavior. As it did for every day of the official tour, our event program identified afternoon "options" for the run – nap time, recreation, or learning opportunities ... take your pick. Having experienced the Route 66-inspired murals of Cuba, Missouri (correctly pronounced – "KU-buh," not as the more common version, "Q-buh") and our own equally-impressive downtown La Jolla examples, I was hooked on the idea of exploring Lompoc's own public art efforts. I conned Neal into a late-afternoon drive downtown and viewing. Well worth the time and effort, there are upwards of thirty-five murals decorating the various walls of area buildings; we found them impressive for their size, themes, and information value.

Photo by
Neal Mills



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While we're on the subject, it pains me to share that Steve Waid has been correct all along in his insistence the city's name, "Lompoc," is correctly pronounced "Lom-poke." While the spelling might suggest the "o" in the second syllable should be a short vowel, the name derives from the native Chumash Indian language word meaning "lagoon." (Technically, "lum poc" translates to "stagnant waters," but I took the high road here.) Where Steve maintains a resident shared the proper pronunciation with him years ago, I found the instruction in a Chamber of Commerce publication and verified it via an internet search. You can trust *me*. (Still on the campaign trail? – Ed.)



You see, Lompoc was founded as a temperance colony in 1874, and hasn't stopped reinventing itself since. It wants to be known as a tourist/vacation destination, for its bountiful agricultural and floral industries, and as an affordable place to raise a family on California's very desirable Central Coast. Here are a few examples of how they're doing:

- The town and surrounding area boasts the world's largest marine diatomite mine. Think "filter media" - diatomaceous earth; I knew you'd be impressed.
- The greenhouses and fields of flowers dotting the area suggests its importance as a "flower capital" of sorts.

- Its collection of murals (over thirty major pieces, plus quite a few more private examples) is truly impressive. They teach history lessons, honor various events, and its citizenry. The fact that the concept was promoted by my namesake, a Gene Scott (?) has nothing to do with my interest in them. You can trust me.

It was the element of history that grabbed me, and drew me in. As some of you may know, the largest peacetime naval disaster took place here in 1923, off Honda Point - seven vessels destroyed, 23 lives lost to a shrouded coastline and fleet commander uncertain of their location.

Top This!

The group dinner at La Botte's Italian was memorable on multiple counts. New friends, old friends, family-style dining, colorful staff, a group sing-a-long of *Amore!* If you thought the genuine spumoni as a dessert offering was a surprise, several of those on tour left the restaurant not only satiated, but also violated. Their convertible tops were slashed right in the parking lot behind the restaurant. Want irony? Of course you do. SDMC's Linda Dowd had purchased a new canvas top earlier in the day (Moss Motors is a volume supplier of both Miata and British tops and upholstery.) More irony? Gordon Long & Gypsy Wayne's Miata top had been slashed on their "Miatas In Moab" tour two years ago. Apart from vehicle registrations, nothing else was taken. That is, except for the piece of welcome-ness of the host city for Saturday night.

Sunday found our 26-car caravan enjoying a leisurely drive up Hwy 1 and into Cayucos for lunch. The Sea Shanty fish & chips were memorable; same for the company. We bid the SJMVC folks goodbye on Sunday afternoon. SDMC's nine-car contingent made our way to Cambria, more precisely, Moonstone Beach and the FogCatcher Inn. Before you assume lodging was the most expensive here, let me share a little secret with you. The Pacifica Hotels group owns six properties in Cambria, and they're all on sale as part of their month-long "Black Friday" spree. At 40% off retail, our nights there were some of the most reasonable of the tour.

Speaking of bargains, fifteen of us paid the princely sum of \$21.00 each for our theater seats at the Great American Melodrama Theater in Oceano. Yes, it was a 45-minute

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drive South from Cambria, but if you enjoy over-acting and intimate theater, this is your kind of place. Madonna's (Alex, not Ms. Ciccone) Copper Kettle Café beckoned for apres-theater desserts and shenanigans.



After Theatre antics at Madonna Inn

Monday provided some local exploring and photo opportunities, our own little car corral, and another leisurely cruise up Hwy 1, past road construction, Hearst Castle – San Simeon, the herd of zebra barely fifty yards from the roadway, the Elephant seal rookery, and dining *alfresco* (“on the patio” – Ed.) for lunch at Ragged Point. Tuesday morning marked our gregarious socializing over welcome breakfast and the beginning of our long trek home. In an effort to continue the fun, most of us followed the Bristols inland through Pear Blossom, Wrightwood, the burn area of last Fall, and well around Los Angeles. While it wasn't the most efficient route back to San Diego, it was in keeping with the overall theme.

Punxsutawney Phil and Other Unlikely Characters

My intentions of this column are to highlight the runs and events of the intervening weeks that made it fun and supported our mission as a club. Remember how it goes? “... to promote the enjoyment of, and enthusiasm for, one of the world's most exciting sports cars: the Mazda MX-5 Miata.”

While I would never consider giving “short shrift” to “P-Phil” as he's known in certain music circles, he is beginning to suffer from “predictability” in the media. John and Phyllis Lord recently executed “Phil” safely and successfully for the third time in a row. Swept by the Bristols, Daryled and Carlan, even the few errant sheep were returned to the fold in time for the mid-day feeding at Lake Henshaw's Round-Up BBQ. Yes, the weather was a little

blustery at the higher elevations, but the sun was determined to give us a break from an extraordinarily wet couple of weeks.

Talk about a break from the “ordinary.” Many of the cars and members were already gathered at our Rancho San Diego meeting point when new member “Taka” rolled-in with his new machine grey RF, the “retractable fastback.” While his intention was to park away from the epicenter of activity, it didn't work. He was invited to the main stage, where the photos, and introductions ensued. I hope he enjoyed the attention and felt welcome. Same comment regarding the other “first-timers” on the run.



*courtesy of Getty Images®,
P-Phil looks nearly
Presidential atop the
stovepipe hat*

Want Your Own “Fifteen Minutes of Fame?”

President's day and Groundhog Day are oddly juxtapositioned in the month of February. Where Abe Lincoln is noted for wearing the iconic stovepipe hat, the iconic Punxsutawney Phil has also donned the signature chapeau. Seeing his shadow, the elusive Phil crawled back into his den, signaling another six weeks of wintry weather. Yes, Abe Lincoln has a major place in our history; yes, he has his face chiseled into the granite of Mount Rushmore, and, yes, exceptional literary cred. But, as John Lord so aptly pointed out, he doesn't have an SDMC run named after him. Advantage – Phil.

As a slightly precocious fifth-grader, I was privileged to appear on a segment of Art Linkletter's House Party television show. Along with two other young people, we were prepped for the “Kids Say the Darnedest Things” segment, to be interviewed by host Linkletter. Small talk out of the way, Art leaned toward me and asked (well off script) “if you could be anyone famous, who would you be?” An early appreciation for historical biographies triggered my response, “I'd like to be Abraham Lincoln.”

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THE FIRST SDMC ROAD TRIP OF 2017

Steve Waid

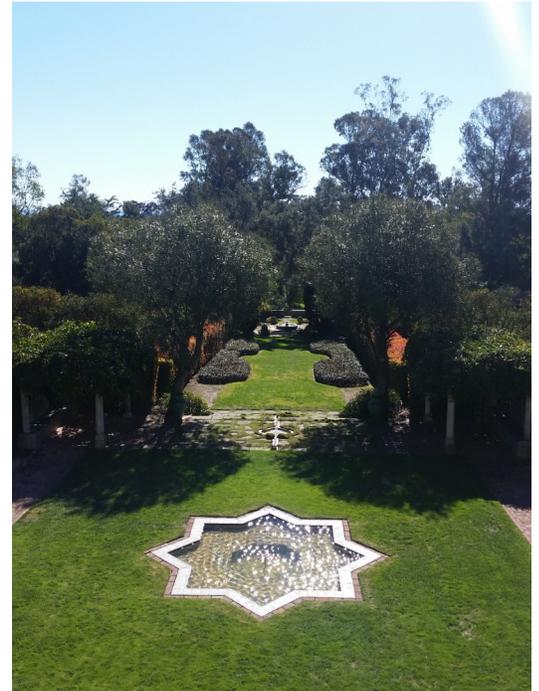
IT IS BECOMING A TRADITION

Road trips were not something that SDMC did in the early years of the club. In fact, there were very few over-nighters at all. But, somewhere along the timeline more were organized. The first one may have been the 10 year anniversary of the Miata in 1999. Called "Miata World" it was held in Dallas, and a large contingent of SDMC members made the trek to and from Dallas in their beloved Miata.

As time went on more and more road trips were created. Many of them were to attend Miata events elsewhere in the country. Most recently were trips to Canada and Utah. There have been a few that have become almost an annual necessity for some of us. For Laurie and I, plus a few others, driving to Grand Junction, Colorado and the Flyin' Miata Summer Camp has become an annual must.

The San Joaquin Valley Miata Club has annually for many years now put on the Coastal Cruise over the last weekend in January. Again, for some

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His response, "Your funeral is tomorrow morning," triggered the studio applause sign and the end of my time on camera. Far more valuable than the transistor radio, jeans, and other swag I carted home, the memory lingers still, some fifty-five years later.

I can't promise your experience will last over five decades, but the feeling of accomplishment one gets from leading a successful run or event is similar. Planning and executing an SDMC run, putting yourself out there, earns you the tangible recognition of club magnetics and favor among your friends and peers. Even better, there are folks that would enjoy an opportunity to help you. Recently, Daryled Bristol has communicated the basics in his posts to the Club list. Ken Hurd has offered "sweeping" opportunities for his runs as well. With our surge in new members, your audience and timing is ideal for getting your own "fifteen minutes of fame."

Bored Meeting, SDMC Style

It's not a typo. Our first Board of Directors meeting of 2017 took place just prior to February's monthly meeting

... you might have missed it. Apart from your executive board members, no one else attended. Pursuant to our bylaws, it was published in our newsletter. The meeting itself was well-attended, with many arriving early to dine and socialize. Wally Stevens quipped "Sandy and I arrived at 6:15 and there weren't many seats left."

In your absence, we talked about you and our concerns for membership renewals. Owing to the attraction of the ND, the RF, and our website, we've seen a spike in new memberships. Getting folks plugged-into our event offerings is key to showcasing the value of this relationship, and realizing our membership goals.

As your president, I am responsible for upholding our bylaws and setting the tone of our organization. Having no members attend this quarterly board meeting could be seen as evidence of two extremes – total apathy, or a level of comfort with things as they are. Unless you tell me otherwise, I'll assume the latter.

Stay well-traveled, interesting, and engaged in our mission, San Diego Miata Club.

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of us it has become an annual tradition. It is the first Miata Road Trip of the year. SJVMC makes each renewal different from the past, and therefore something to look forward too.

The 2017 issue was the first time that the route took us as far south as it did. Because of the fact that not everyone in SDMC is blessed by being retired, being able to take extra days off shortly after the holidays is not always possible, but for some of us it is even possible to extend the trip.

For a number of years now, SDMC members have extended the Coastal Cruise 2 or 3 days and stayed at Moonstone Beach in Cambria. 2017 was no different.

Joining up with SJVMC can be a little bit out of the way, because they start the trip in nearby Fresno. Well, maybe not that nearby for all. The Waids and Bristols traveled Thursday to spend the night near the starting point so we could enjoy every bit of what SJVMC had planned. The Booth's traveled to a little nearer location on Thursday where they could join the run a little over 100 miles after it started. The Hurds led a group from Oceanside early on Friday, that met up with the rest of us at the lunch location on the lake at Westlake near Thousand Oaks. Lastly, Gene Streeter and Neal Mills also met us for lunch, but left San Diego later.

Without going into too many details, the route had us spending the first night in Oxnard. Saturday we headed north and toured the historic estate of Casa del Herrero in Montecito near Santa Barbara. Built in 1925, the Spanish styled estate sits on 11 acres of gardens and views of the Pacific Ocean. After the tour we traveled north to the Moss Motors Headquarters in Goleta, for lunch hosted by Moss Motors. We spent the night in Lompoc (pronounced *lom-poke*) right on old Highway 1.

Sunday found us headed north on Hwy 1 to Pismo Beach where we were able to see the annual Monarch butterfly



infestation. The short drive from there to Cayucos for lunch was more of the beautiful sunny top down weather that we experienced during the whole trip. After lunch, the Coastal Cruise was officially over, except for the group from SDMC.

The short drive north on Hwy 1 took us thirty minutes and we were checking in at the Fogcatcher Inn at Moonstone Beach. Gene Streeter had arranged for a very special evening on Sunday in the small town of Oceano on Hwy 1 just south of Pismo Beach. He and Bonnie had stopped at the All American Melodrama a few years ago and had been touting the presentation since then. This year we made it, and no one was disappointed. As was quoted in Wayne's World, "we laughed, we cried, we hurled". The evening was a hit.

Monday found us with a mostly free day. Usually we drive up through Big Sur to the Wharf in Monterey for lunch, but due to the recent storms Hwy 1 was closed just beyond Ragged Point. So, we went to Ragged Point for lunch.

I think there were three different groups that headed home on Tuesday. Because Laurie and I had a high school soccer game and basketball game to see in Scripps Ranch that afternoon and evening, we left early and never stopped. We made it without incident, and were home before the next storm hit.

Photos:

Left page, The garden at Casa Herrero
Top: Art at Ragged Point looking north to Big Sur
Below: Coastal views from Ragged Point

Photos by Laurie Waid



Save the Date!

Showdown at the Garon Corral!

Ride on over to Old Escondido...

June 3, 2017 3 - 7 pm
For the 9th Annual
Gregg's Goals Fundraiser
Wine, Sodas, Food, Contests... Silent
Auction!
\$35.00/person by May 15;
\$40.00 after that.

Gregg's Goals
www.wuqd.org

Place:
1843 Da Gama Ct.
Escondido, CA 92026
Phone 760-747-1115 for more info.

Classified Ads:

(Ed note: as part of your membership, you are entitled to place a classified ad as desired. Please send your ad to newsletter@sandiegomiataclub.org. Membership IS required.)

1990 Mariner Blue Miata. Dune scouted around for a few months to find the perfect car. Single owner from Del Mar, full dealer maintenance history, 144k miles, always garaged and car-covered, rarely driven the last 10 years. All original. All fluids recently changed with synthetic oil. Upholstery in great condition. Shifter rebuilt and shifts as good as new. Tires in good condition, soft top in good condition. Paintless dent repair recently to clean up minor dents and dings. Bluetooth stereo, and wired for a Trunk Subwoofer. Driven for a month before we found Dune's second car, the silver MSM he's now working on. Asking \$4800. Contact Rob Mallory at rob.mallory@gmail.com.

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 Old Hamburger Factory Family Restaurant, 14122 Midland Road, Poway 92064 To contact the restaurant, call (858) 486-4575.

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.

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? You can now order them on-line from fellow Miata enthusiast, Joe Portas – the KnobMeister. The .pdf order form is available on our SDMC website. These popular magnetic badges are priced at \$6 each, plus shipping.

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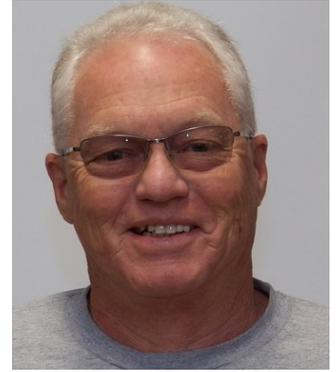
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Follow these steps:

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.



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 (30-35 words). Contact newsletter@sandiegomiataclub.org for additional information.

Automotive Services

American Battery. Miata batteries and all other batteries. 525 W. Washington Escondido, 760.746.8010. Contact Jeff Hartmayer. 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 93368). They come to your door, provide quick and professional service.

Express Tire. Auto repair, tires. 12619 Poway Rd., Poway. 858.748.6330. Manager Dick Dolan. Discount 10% on parts & labor incl. tires.

Geri's Bazaar—custom Miata luggage made to fit your specific Miata. 10% Discount to SDMC members. geri@gerisbazaar.com or phone (843)754-8815

Good-Win Racing LLC. Miata intakes, exhausts, shocks, springs & goodies from Racing Beat, Moss & more. www.goodwin-racing.com Special club pricing on everything. 858.775.2810.

Hawthorne Wholesale Tire. Tires, wheels, brakes & suspension. 877 Rancheros Dr, San Marcos. Discount. 10%760.746.6980.

Knobmeister Quality Images. 3595 Gray Cir. Elbert CO 80106-9652. Joe Portas, joe@knobmeister.com . 303.730.6060.

Langka Corp. Guaranteed paint chip and restoration products. 800.945.4532. www.langka.com Discount. 30%.

Rocky's Miatomotive 2951 Garnet Ave. San Diego 92109 858.273.2547. Discount: 10% on labor.

Lutz Tire & Service Alignment specialist, tires. 2853 Market St San Diego 619.234.3535. Ask for Mike. Discount. 10% on parts (tires not included).

TJM Enterprises (formerly Magnolia Auto-body) Restorations, body work. 10027 Prospect Ave. Santee. 619.562.7861. Ask for T.J.

Discount: 10% on labor & parts.

Pitstop Autoglass. Rock chip repairs free to SDMC members. Must show membership card. In-shop only. 858.675.GLASS (4527)

Porterfield Enterprises Brake pads, rotors. 1767 Placentia Ave Costa Mesa 949.548.4470. Discount: 15% on Porterfield & Hawke brake pads, \$10 off rotors, \$9.25 per pt of Motul 600 brake fluid.

Smart Car Care stores—SDMC members received 10% discount. 2260 Main St., Suite 3, Chula Vista 91911.(619) 575-9274 or 1217 Simpson Way, Escondido, 92029 (760) 871-8000 smartcarcareproducts.com

Stuart Terry Auto. Specializing in Miata A/C problems, recommended by Rocky's Miatomotive. 4858 El Cajon Blvd. SD 92115. 6129.287.9626. Ask for Stuart, 10% discount on parts & labor to \$50

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Mazda of El Cajon. 619.590.3700. Discount 10% on parts & labor. VIP Membership: 3 oil changes for \$19.95 with \$5 going to Rady's Childrens Hospital.

Mazda of Escondido. 760.737.3200. Discount: 20% on most parts; 15% on labor (except smog). For purchase, ask for Barb and get free SDMC membership for 1 year.

Westcott Mazda. National City. Discount 15% on parts exclusive of oil changes.619.474.1591.

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