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December 2017

Membership Renewal Time

by Chris Jones and Linda Southard

It's 2018 SDMC Membership renewal time!

All memberships expire December 31st,
so please continue supporting your Club by renewing now.

Renewal form is included on page 15 of this newsletter or can be
downloaded from the SDMC website
[For Members >> Renewal Application (at bottom of page)].

You can also get a form at the monthly meetings.
Mail form and check for \$35 to the address indicated on the form,
or pass it to the Membership team at the monthly meetings.
Cash accepted at meetings.

New on the form – at the bottom: Indicate Yes or No if you'd like
a replacement member card sent to you for 2018.
If your card just gathers dust all year and you don't use it for proof
of membership at auto-related businesses,
then consider selecting "No" so we can save some processing time
and a small expense.

If your needs change during the year,
just send an email requesting a card to member-
ship@SanDiegoMiataClub.org.

**Happy
New
Year**

Beyond Miataland—the Italy Run

By Lynn Nolan and Tom Thompson

Location: Rome, Italy

Drivers assemble: 9:00 a.m.

Driver's meeting: 9:15 a.m.

Depart: 9:30 a.m.

Return: May 16

It began on the SDMC email with the mention of Miataland in Italy, a newly opened B&B in the Umbria region that offers guests not only a room but the use of a Miata during the stay. There are 39 Miatas from which to choose.



Tom gave a detailed presentation on May 19 at the Annual Business Meeting and the PowerPoint is on the home page for your viewing pleasure.

The plan is to fly into Rome where we'll spend about 2 days. Leaving Rome we'll rent cars and drive to Miataland where we'll stay for a day or two. Our adventure continues as we drive on to comfortable lodging in the Tuscany region. We will seek out adventures in Tuscany for several days, followed by our drive south to the Amalfi Coast. We have been forewarned that driving the Amalfi Coast can be tedious, frustrating and a little risky, so perhaps we'll hire a driver and minibus. No firm decision on that at this time has been made. To fully appreciate the splendor of this area we might also rent a small boat to view the Amalfi Coast from a different perspective. After that it's on to Pompeii and the picturesque region around it and ultimately we'll return to Rome to turn in the cars and catch our flights home.



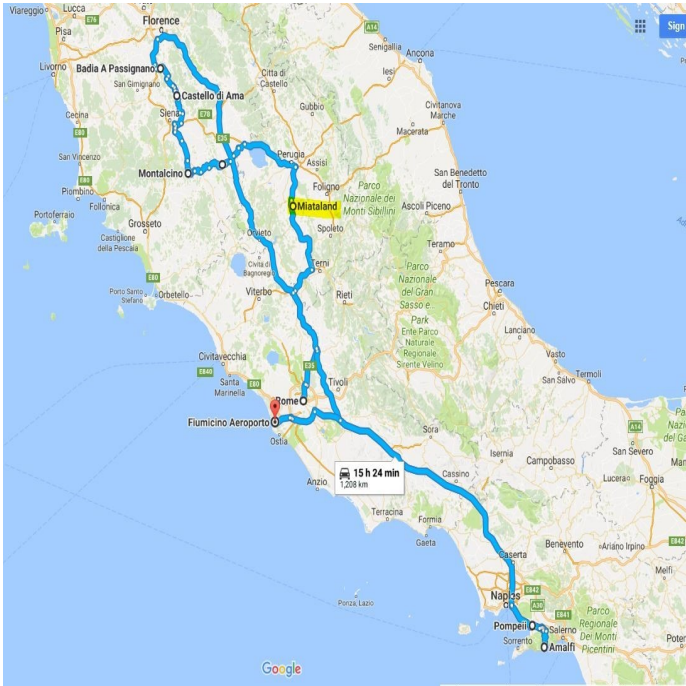
A few more comments flooded the SDMC- list email and the idea caught on. I was immediately seduced by the thought of driving the beautiful roads of Italy! Tom Thompson also was instantly bitten by the Italy bug and he and I are planning partners for this, *Miataland and Beyond : The Italy Run*.

Since that SDMC email, we have read books and articles, watched endless Rick Steves' videos as well as others found on the net, spent hours on You Tube, viewed CDs about Italy, surfed the net incessantly, studied maps of Italy, researched flights and lodging and spoken with a travel planner as well as 2 intrepid SDMC members who have traversed Italy by auto. Now 6 months later we are on the threshold of putting the final itinerary together.



We'll use numerous detailed illustrations on a map of Italy for our daily runs. Imagine being the sweep on

those runs! Each day our run will consist of driving the magnificent Italian countryside, stopping to enjoy the interesting sights and meeting the locals in small, off the grid villages.



We will reward ourselves along the way with incredible scenery, fantastic Italian food and perhaps a little shopping. Other activities might include wine tasting, cycling, hiking, tours of medieval castles, cathedrals, guided or self-tours and whatever else is recommended to us on our adventure. There's plenty to see and do! Those intrepid travelers who have special interests not on the day's plan, are welcome to do some independent adventure seeking.

Departure date for the Italy run is May 2, 2018, tentatively returning about 14 days later. SDMC travelers may want to arrive or depart at alternate times to spend time on their own adventure. You'll want to research the air fares, however currently Norwegian has the most cost effective fare departing LAX on May 2 @ 10:50 p.m. Air fares generally vary from \$ 500 to \$ 2500. The lowest fares seem to be LAX to Rome. Flying time on a direct flight is approximately 13 hours. Some of you may prefer a stopover, of course, but check how much longer the travel time is due to the stopover.

We are currently evaluating all lodging opportunities and we are intent on keeping prices affordable while maximizing the value and the Italian experience.

We're currently looking in the midrange (as low as \$ 90 USD nightly) for extremely nice places—hotels, B&Bs, villas etc. and are focused on boutique places that offer a casual comfortable stay. No Ritz Carlton for us! Rooms are also available in convents and monasteries for a very reasonable rate. Now that would be an experience in itself!

Rental rates for a Smart Car or similar are approximately \$20.00 day with insurance costing about another \$ 20.00 each day. Since we don't rent cars until we leave Rome, we will only need them about 10-11 days.



Let your mind and spirit take you to Italy! Imagine cruising the bucolic Italian countryside! What an adventure this will be!

So that we can reserve hotels/lodging we need a *seriously interested list*. We have to be sure that the places we select have enough rooms for our group.

Please email your serious interest to Inolan@san.rr.com as soon as possible. Once signed up, more information will be forthcoming. Ciao!



Rear View Mirror

By Gene Streeter

“Through the Looking Glass ... Backwards”

Now that we're immersed in the holiday season, the level of activity in our personal lives seems to have spiked significantly. Patient newsletter editor that she is, Laurie Waid awaits my column even as Thanksgiving leftovers are being stored away. I apologize, as I always do, but it's been a busy time ... and the pace is quickening. It's my duty to share with you that Laurie is resigning her post as Editor, effective with the January edition. Of course, I've been working to replace her, but as one potential candidate observed, "that's not easily done." I couldn't agree more, especially since I have a vested interest in filling her post.

I began contributing the occasional article in the wake of our 10th Anniversary and with the newsletter's name change to "Twists & Turns." Remember what the name was prior? Hint: the name was pretty generic. Arizona resident and still-loyal member, Sue Hinkle, was SDMC president then; the balance of her board no longer participate. Including Editor-in-Chief Jerry Standefer, the newsletter staff numbered ten in total.

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Jerry came up with the "Dub the Pub" contest to re-name our newsletter, and Jack Hinkle's submission narrowly won out over "MXpress." Thank you, Jack! Effective with the July, 2016 edition, Laurie Waid became all six editors named above rolled into one. Her staff consists entirely of four proofreaders, with distribution being handled by Phil Daoust. That's what I call "lean and mean" staffing. While I believe I've charmed Lynn Nolan (ed: per Lynn, NOPE) into assuming editorial duties, part of her willingness seems contingent upon getting some assistance. Here's my



first public solicitation of interest. You likely agree with me that a quality newsletter is an important part of a vibrant club.

Annual Meeting Hijinks & Delusional Thinking

In part, *Rear View Mirror* has always been about looking over the events of the prior month, to ensure those providing us runs and events are formally acknowledged, and so those that were unable to attend have a sense of what they missed. Posts to the SDMC Club List serve much the same purpose; some of those run reviews are really well done.

Our recent Annual Meeting intended to do some of the same. Turn-out was good, filling every available folding chair. Some members were left standing in the back half of the Automobile Museum's upstairs meeting room, perhaps for a better view of those being acknowledged and my presenter antics. Speaking of which, I can now finally claim to be a "paid professional" speaker/entertainer, courtesy of Alan Kagan's financial contribution to my retirement fund. His folded dollar bill in my belt in the wake of my tearing my shirt off, will be invested wisely. The parody lyrics to Frank Sinatra's "My Way" were in response to my having earned the award for the "Most Challenged Run." Not that I didn't deserve it for the reasons cited by the blue ribbon panel convened to make those selections.

The legitimate run categories and winners are as follows:

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Run of the Year - Grand Canyon North Rim Run

Credit Jackie Eder-Van Hook & Bob Van Hook for their extensive preparation and detailed execution of this multi-day run to the less-traveled North Rim. Feedback was uniformly glowing and positive; even the snack stops were carefully selected.

Most Ambitious Run – City By Night Tour

A daring re-enactment of their Surf 'N Safari run effort, where Steve and Laurie Waid (and other conscripted run leaders) attempted to herd approximately 65 cars over the same route on a Thursday evening, as opposed to a Saturday night. This year's effort cemented the name I assigned them in jest – SloW Productions. Their significant body of work in 2017 was celebrated as well.

Magnetic Run of the Year - Run to the Rainbow

One of Lynn Nolan's goals was to earn her magnetics in her first year of membership. With veteran Jan Frederick's assistance, she executed a memorable run ending with lunch at the Rainbow Oaks restaurant.

Party of the Year – hosted by Pam & Dave Hunt

The Hunt's home in the heathered hills of Poway has hosted three consecutive SDMC Annual Picnics, each better-attended than the last. If you paid attention to Treasurer Dennis Sullivan's insightful financial report, the costs have crept-up in concert with the headcount; ask yourself "how many car clubs can boast a Polynesian-style pit-roasted pig as part of the proceedings?" Party on, Pam! Party on, Dave!

Geezer Run of the Year – the Run to Idyllwild, perhaps?

You're free to pick your favorite. Melinda Smith & Jon Connor have given retirees (and some of us still working) abundant reasons to get up in the morning and go somewhere fun. Was lunch or dinner involved? Of course. We celebrate the body of work this couple delivered for our enjoyment throughout 2017.



BWTM - But wait, there's more. A few of you have already inquired "who's the new president?" in the wake of our Annual Meeting. For those of you not taking part in the "live" show, I'll share the results with you. Quite honestly, voters and candidates alike could have phoned this one in; all of the nominees ran uncontested in each of the four offices. Please welcome your new 2018 Board:

- President Dave Bryan
- Vice President Laurie Waid
- (Incumbent) Treasurer Dennis Sullivan
- Secretary Linda Doud
- Past President Gene Streeter

Please note, the bylaws provide for the immediate past president to remain on the board in an advisory position. In my first term, I benefitted from Neal Mills' experience in that role. Smart ... very smart.

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Living “La Dolce Vita”

The real entertainment of the meeting was provided by Tom Thompson and Lynn Nolan, whose travel plans to Italy and a B & B cleverly named “Miataland” were unveiled in considerable detail, including projected costs. The informative duo shared some of the history of the region, the challenges of driving the Amalfi Coast, and the limited vehicular access to the inner cities there. (Translation: bring comfortable walking shoes.) Something of a surprise, the modest “non-stop” air fares to Rome compare favorably to the cost of a domestic flight to Cincinnati, Ohio.

Probably not a fair comparison, but Cincinnati’s culinary draw is “Skyline Chili” - steaming spaghetti, covered with a secret-recipe chili, and topped with a mound of shredded cheddar cheese. I’ve grazed at a Skyline Chili emporium and sampled the Ohio countryside. On the other hand, Rome’s culinary draw is all manner of pasta, fresh vegetables, pecorino romano cheese, sauces, and wines.

What struck me most was the fact the owner of the Miataland B&B acquired 39 Miatas prior to buying the property, and where the primary draw was the oversized barn capable of housing his collection of the world’s most lovable roadsters. Chuck and Diane Graham, if you’re reading this somewhere in Utah, please realize your collection of seven Miatas looks downright rational in comparison.

Ironically, Lady Bonnie and I will be touring Europe from April 27 through May 16, on a river cruise, and my first exposure to the Old World. To reinforce Tom and Lynn’s claims their tour of Italy is a good value at \$5,000 per couple, our tour is three times the expense (and not including airfare) for just three additional days. You’ll want to see the outline posted on the SDMC website home page at the bottom of the red navigation bar.

Thanksgiving Quandary: Roast Turkey or Lame Duck?

Effective with the elections held as part of our Annual Meeting, November 18, I can now relate to both characterizations. With my replacement having been named, I’ll be the political “lame duck” serving the balance of my third term until December 31, but lacking in political clout. Some might say I’ve routinely portrayed the former. Prior to roasting, the turkey is an interesting bird – certainly not revered for its looks or intellect. At Ben Franklin’s urging, the wild turkey very nearly became the national bird, a symbol of America. Perhaps it’s a good thing Ben wasn’t successful; the bald eagle wouldn’t be much of a Thanksgiving meal.

The domestic turkey fares much worse. An ungainly

fowl – overweight, slow to maneuver compared to its leaner wild relatives. Think “ponderous sedan” versus scrappy non-conformist sports car. If you’ve ever encountered a flock of wild turkeys scrambling, or taking flight, in the middle of your tight turn on local Mesa Grande or the Devil’s Highway in Arizona, you know the excitement and exhilaration I’m trying to describe.

My final meeting responsibilities have dwindled to just our December monthly meeting (Dec. 21st) and our Holiday Party, December 9th at the Bay View Terrace Café, at MCRD. I’m confident you’ll enjoy both events; I’ll look for you there. No presidential pardons will be granted in the event you miss either one.

Decision Tree vs. Christmas Tree

Coming of age in a modest middle class home, my Dad always advised “if you value your car and your friendship, never loan your car to a friend.” Pretty unequivocal, and probably rooted in personal experience. Just like many of you, loyal readers, I haven’t always observed his well-intended advice. Typically, my hedge is to loan my old Tacoma truck – high mileage, delaminated clear coat, small dings sprinkled around for character. I’m less inclined to loan my Miata, despite its near “teenager” status and a few parking lot dings. Barb Sullivan’s bad experience, multiple years ago, in loaning her Mazdaspeed to a visiting Miata club member and the resultant collision damage example still resonates with me.

I know, I know ... at the core of Christmas traditions and others is the notion of “giving.” Philosophically, I embrace the concept. As a practical matter, I need a little help. In the event you haven’t already seen this decision tree from Mazda Parts, please study this chart; hope you find this helpful. Here’s the link as well: <https://www.realmazdaparts.com/blog/lend-your-miata>. Permission to share this helpful tool was granted, provided I share the source.

Participate in SDMC’s seasonal offerings, be charitable, and engaged as members.

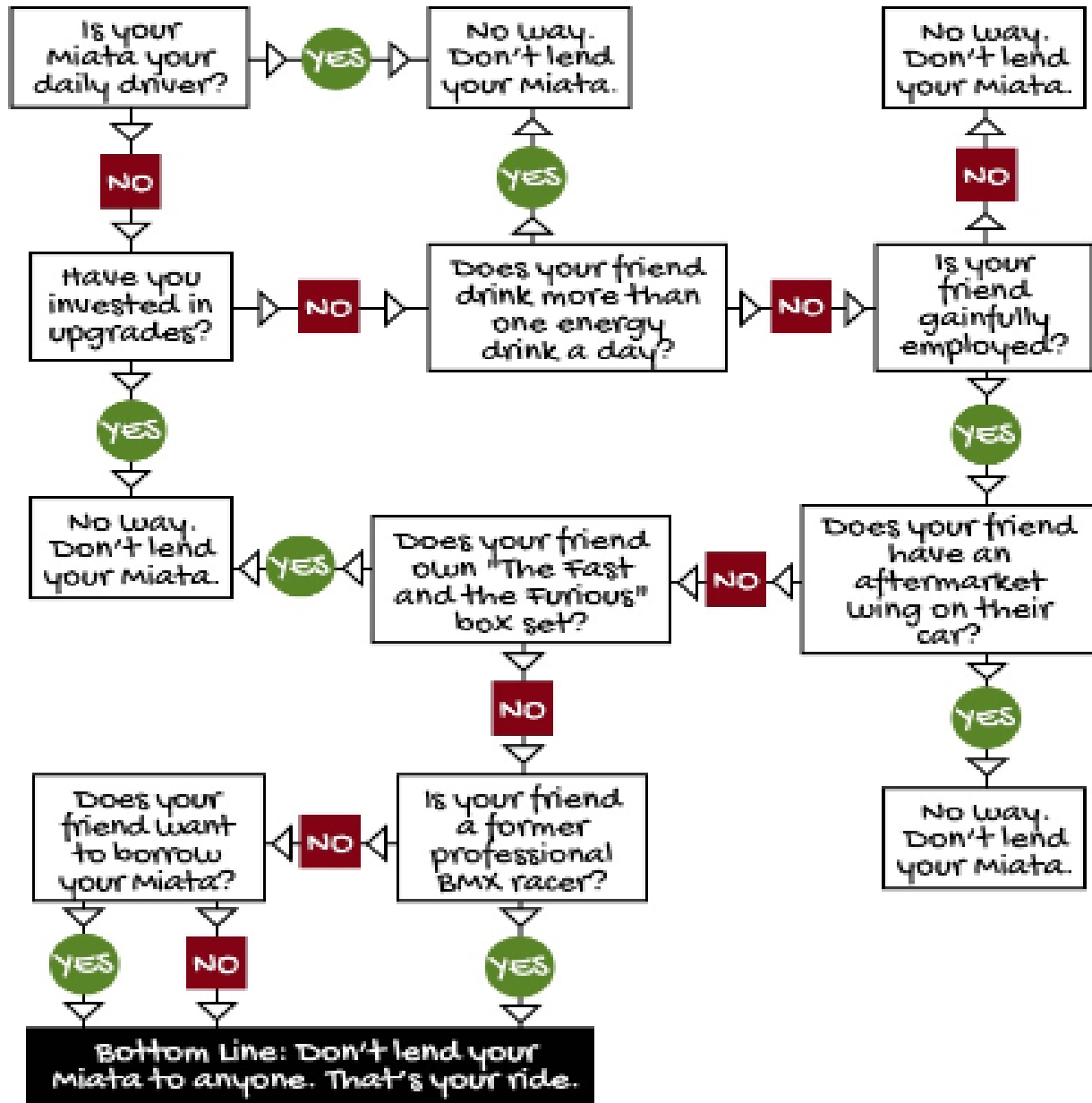
*Happy Holidays,
San Diego Miata Club.*



Should you lend your Miata to a friend?



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Behind the Wheel

By Lynn Nolan

Editors note: Linda is the newly elected Secretary of SDMC for 2018.

Linda Doud

2016 Launch Edition Soul Red

I have been a member of SDMC since 2014

I grew up in the Midwest, Iowa and Nebraska

I attended Creighton Memorial School of Nursing in Omaha NE and went to Pepperdine for my MBA

My career was actually the most active part of my life. Started out as a staff nurse then worked my way up to Director of Nursing and Chief Nursing Officer.

With my shiny new degree I worked for Ernst and Young as a manager in Boston, focused on Strategic Repositioning and Redesign for Healthcare. Then armed with that knowledge I became a CEO for a Psychiatric hospital in SC. With that experience I became the Executive Director for the SC, County of Greenville, Department of Alcohol and other Substance abuse. To end my career I went full circle and went back to staff nursing in ER then a travel nurse. Which I still wonder what I was thinking.

If I could have done anything in life it would have been to make time for a life and a family.

My favorite restaurants change all the time. I love to explore new restaurants in different places. The club has been perfect for that.

If I had to pick a favorite food it would be Italian or Thai.

My favorite movies are hard because I'm not really a big movie person. Sadly I can't even remember the last movie I saw. Pathetic I know. But it would have been something with a happy ending. Yep a chick flick.

I love all kinds of music. Especially like instrumentals. One of favorites would be soundtracks. Especially Phantom of the Opera and Philadelphia. But I can go the other way and like reggae and blue grass.

My main hobby is four legged. What I call my boys. That would be Sammie & Bailey. Next would have to be driving my Miata. I also like photography, traveling, reading and spending way too many hours on my iPad .



What people don't know about me is that I am a bi-ionic woman. I have a Titanium knee and ankle, two artificial heart valves, a pacemaker and added to my collection is a new shoulder/ arm. I am the Duracell bunny. I take a licking and keep on ticking.



Events for December

By Bill Bennett

In A Nutshell:

With as busy as we all will likely be during the month of December, some of our stalwart SDMC Members have stepped forward with activities for all club members to enjoy.

The San Marcos Holiday Parade on 12/3 overseen by Steve & Laurie Waid will give all participants a chance to decorate their cars and then act a little silly while entertaining parade spectators in downtown San Marcos. Participants are asked to decorate their cars following the theme of "California Christmas". Steve Waid suggests "No Snow" while I contend that it can and does snow in California during the Holiday Season. So let's go along with Steve, huh! See you there!

The Holiday Lights Cruise on 12/17 will be hosted by Les Smith & Judy Lutticken and will take us through some special neighborhoods with wonderful holiday light displays. The cruise will be preceded by a dessert buffet at Les's house and followed by a stop for dinner/snacks at a restaurant yet to be chosen.

San Diego Miata Club Holiday Party will be held at the **Bay View Restaurant** on **MCRD 12/9**. Don't forget to bring a driving oriented gift to give and get to steal (history says booze is OK, too, although hopefully that doesn't have anything to do with driving). The food's great and the frolicking is lots of fun. Don't miss this one!

San Diego Miata Club Monthly Meeting at the **Hamburger Factory** on **12/21**.

Solo Practice Sessions and Solo Championships Sessions will be held on **12/2** and **12/16** (Practice) and **12/3** and **12/17** (Championships).

A **K1 Speed Event** will be held on **12/9** held jointly with COCSD.

More Details:

Solo / AutoCross / SCCA Practice & Championship

Dec 2, and 3 2017

Qualcomm Stadium West Lot

Sponsored by SDAD

See details @ www.sdrscqa.com/solo-schedule

San Marcos Holiday Parade

10:30 PM - 2:30 AM Dec 3, 2017

TIME: 10:30AM Meet (earlier for coffee and social time)

10:45AM Caravan to Palomar College and the parade staging area

11:00AM Arrive in the staging area and begin decorating cars

11:30AM Entry judging begins

12:30PM Entries begin moving to the parade starting location

1:00PM Parade starts

2:00-2:30 Parade activities end

MEETING LOCATION: In Nordahl Marketplace. Meet near Hooters, 767 Center Dr. San Marcos. Exit Highway 78 at Nordahl and turn north. Entrance is the first left turn (two left turn lanes), just past Hooters. Come early to socialize with a cup of coffee.

POC: Steve and Laurie Waid 760.715.7850

RSVP Steve, he needs a car count for the parade

THIS IS A RAIN OR SHINE EVENT. The parade is a classic small town, children oriented parade. There are lots of cub scouts, brownies, girl scouts, boy scouts, cheerleaders, home made floats, and then there are our Miatas. We have been the "recognized saviors" on many occasions by being able to provide last minute rides for their various dignitaries. Most of the time we drive by ourselves as a group! This is the only known parade where we do not have to just drive in a straight line and grin and wave. We are allowed to do our "trick driving" including circles, slaloms and going backward. It is JUST FUN!

This year's theme, "**California Christmas**".

We decorate our cars based on the theme, so be creative. Recommended items to bring are pipe cleaners (for attaching car decorations), water, and snacks. With this year's theme, imagine surf boards, sun glasses, straw hats, **NO SNOW**, and so on. You are encouraged to bring an unwrapped toy (PLEASE NO STUFFED TOYS) for a needy child and/or canned or non-perishable food items for needy families.

Plan on eating together after the parade.

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K1 Speed

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Dec 9, 2017

SDMC members are encouraged to join COCSD for a K1 Speed session of practice and fun. The sessions are usually held on the second Friday of the month at 11 am, and the third Saturday of the month at 10 am.

Please check the COCSD events page for updated information: COCSD

Meeting Location: K1 Speed, 1709 Main St, San Diego, CA 92113

San Diego Miata Club Holiday Party December 9th, 2017

6 PM to 10 PM

Gather with your SDMC friends to celebrate the winter holidays with dining and a Optional gift exchange and 'steal a gift' (\$25 limit)

LOCATION:

Bay View Restaurant
2863 Historic Decatur Road, San Diego 92106

Cost: \$35 per person

Menu: Buffet style dinner and cash bar,
\$10 corkage fee if you bring your own wine.

Come join us for an evening of Merriment, Food and Fun at the beautiful and historic Bay View Café, MCRD, on the waterfront, featuring SDMC's own Holiday Elves and the ever famous, gift thievery!

Purchase your tickets at the November meetings, or Annual Meeting!

Optional: Bring a wrapped, car themed gift worth approximately \$25 for our annual gift exchange and thievery.

Tickets can be purchased with cash or check made payable to SDMC.

Final date for purchase is November 29.

If purchasing by mail, mail check to:

SDMC Treasurer Dennis Sullivan 27018 Sunningdale Way Valley Center, CA 92082

Solo/AutoCross/SCCA Practice and Championship

Dec 16 and 17, 2017

The last Solo event of the season. Sponsored by the SCCA Region. Event location is at Qualcomm, but the specific lot location is presently unknown.

Contact Daryled Bristol for more info: 619-784-3953

Holiday Lights Cruise (Tentative)

3:30 PM - 9:30 PM Dec 17, 2017

Nothing better than a top-down cruise through some brightly lit neighborhoods on a cool December evening to put the MIATA in chrIsTMAs (seriously, four out of five letters isn't bad). This season's Holiday Lights Dessert Buffet & Run on Sunday, December 17 will do the job with Les Smith and Judy Luttkicken as your hosts.

Meet at Les's home at 3:30 PM to decorate your sleigh (optional) while enjoying your fellow members' company, desserts and drink. Then it's off at dusk (5:00-ish) to slowly "ooh" and "aah" our way through several decorated neighborhoods.

Afterward, we'll retreat to a nearby restaurant to complete the evening. Be sure and dress warmly; gloves, cap and a lap-throw are suggested. In case of snow, we'll only travel on plowed streets.

POC: Les Smith (858) 682-6072 11164 Zapata Avenue San Diego, 92126

SDMC Monthly Meeting

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Dec 21, 2017

Time: Members typically start arriving around 6:00 PM for dinner. Business meeting is from 7:00 - 8:00 PM.

Location: The Hamburger Factory Family Restaurant, 14122 Midland Road, Poway, CA 92064. (858) 486-4575



Remember, all the most up to date and complete information for our events is on our website at www.sandiegomiataclub.org

Check there regularly for changes and additional details!

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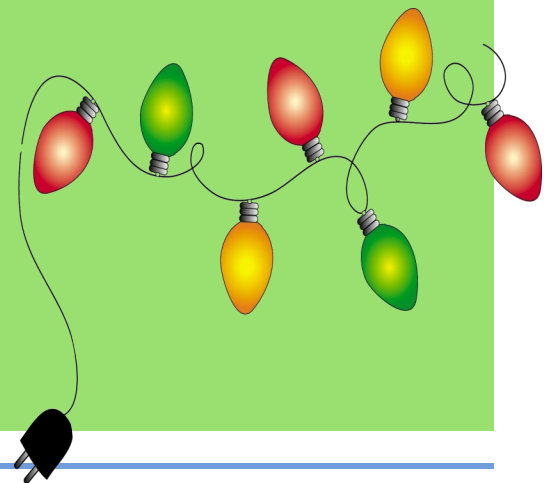
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POC: Les Smith (858)682-6072

11164 Zapata Avenue in Mira Mesa



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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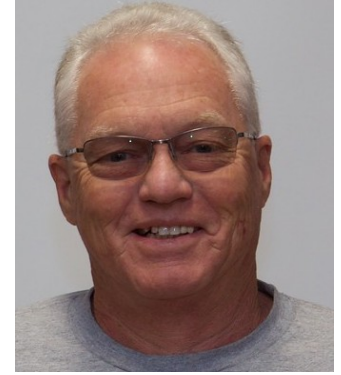
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Follow these steps:

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.



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.

Gerl's Bazaar—custom Miata luggage made to fit your specific Miata. Free embroidery to SDMC members. WWW.SHOPGERLBAZAAR.COM or phone 843.754.8815

Good-Win Racing LLC. Miata intakes, exhausts, shocks, springs & goodies from Racing Beat, Moss & more. www.goodwinracing.com Special club pricing on RoadsterSports Items only. 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 Miatamotive 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 TJ. 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 Store—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 Miata-motive. 4858 El Cajon Blvd. SD 92115. 6129.287.9626. Ask for Stuart, 10% discount on parts & labor to \$50

Thompson Automotive. Cool Miata accessories, oil filter relocation kits, gauge kits, air horns, brakes, Voodoo knobs & MORE Discount. 10% 949.366.0322. www.thompson-automotive.com

Tri-City Paint. Professional detailing, products, paint, airbrushes, car covers. West Miramar:858.909.2100, Santee: 619.448.9140. Discount: body shop price #CM6660.

World Famous Car Wash. Complete professional car care, detail, hand wax, leather treatment. Free shuttle service. 7215 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. SD 858.495.2974. 10% discount.

Mazda Dealerships

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.

Other Services

David Bryan, your friendly neighborhood REALTOR; Pacific Sotheby's International Realty. I sell garages with homes! SDMC members who buy or sell a home through me receive a 1 year free home warranty. 619.334.4325. DavidBrealtor@cox.net. DRE#01009295.



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION

All SDMC memberships expire on December 31st of each year; we hope you will elect to continue participating in your Club. Please use this application for renewal, **PRINTING CLEARLY**, and thank you for renewing promptly.

Option: If no changes to your information, check here -- complete the Name(s), Signature(s), and "Action Here" sections.

Member's Name: _____ Birthday (Month/Day): ____/____ [optional]

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP+4: _____ - _____

Primary phone:** _____ Alternate phone: _____

Email address: _____

Copilot's Name: _____ Birthday (Month/Day): ____/____ [optional]

Check here if phone numbers/email are same as Member's above [or complete the following as applicable]

Primary phone:** _____ Alternate phone: _____

Email address: _____

Miata Information:

Year: _____ Color: _____ License Plate: _____

Special / Limited Model? Special Edition Anniversary Edition Limited Edition Launch Edition

Mazdaspeed M Edition PRHT Shinzen RF Other (specify) _____

Club Membership Roster is maintained on the SDMC-List Yahoo! Groups website; access is limited to active (current) members who have requested to join the SDMC-List. The roster includes the following member information:

Member & Copilot names, member email address, primary phone**, city, vehicle year and color, and license plate.

** Check here if you do not want your phone numbers listed on the roster or released to Club members.

Club's newsletter, *Twists & Turns*, is published monthly and available around the first of each month. All can download current and past issues from the club's website (see top of page) for easy viewing. Newsletter's posting is announced on SDMC-List.

Check here if you prefer to receive a hardcopy newsletter via U.S. Postal Service.

Release Statement (must be signed): I wish to participate in activities and events organized by the San Diego Miata Club. In consideration of the right and privilege to enter and participate in these events, I hereby agree to release the San Diego Miata Club, its officers, organizers, members, sponsors, and vendors from any and all liability for injury, damages, or loss arising from my participation and attendance in any Club activity. (If spouse or significant other is applying for membership, they must also sign.)

Signed (Member): _____ Date: _____

Signed (Copilot): _____ Date: _____

Please return this signed application with \$35.00 check to: **SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB (or SDMC)**
PO BOX 180456, CORONADO CA 92178-0456

!!! ACTION HERE !!!

Do you want a replacement member card? Yes No (card can be requested any time if desired in the future)

SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB

P.O. Box 421325

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