



TWISTS & TURNS

January 2020

The Prez Sez



The San Diego Miata Club 2019 Annual Meeting; 23 laps complete and the green flag is out on lap 24!

The San Diego Miata Club's official Annual Meeting was held Saturday, November 11th 2019, as required by the SDMC bylaws. That sounds serious when you say it like that, and the meeting is actually when the club takes care of serious business such as any proposed changes to SDMC bylaws and, of course, election of the club's four officers. We of course being SDMC, make a party out of it too! As usual, we held our meeting on the mezzanine of the San Diego Automotive Museum overlooking some wonderful historic cars as well as fantastically constructed low-riders. Don't laugh, they're "car-people" too.

After some socializing and shopping sprees at the regalia table, the business portion of the annual meeting got underway. The President brought the meeting to order and regaled the 78 members (50/152 memberships) in attendance with tales of the club's many exploits over the past year. There were 70 events published on the club calendar alone, not to mention multi-day and unpublished events. We recognized the many volunteers it takes to keep a club like ours so successful by having them stand and be recognized. Unfortunately there are no raises again this year, but I was able to arrange for parking placards. We also paid respects to a few members we've lost.

The elections, such as they were, were over quickly with little fanfare. The results are as follows:

President: David Bryan was re-elected to a record-tying 3rd term. Even though there were apparently no other candidates, WHAT ON EARTH WERE YOU THINKING?

Vice President John Lord and **Secretary Julie Thompson** were easily re-elected.

Treasurer: After many years serving SDMC as Treasurer, Dennis Sullivan has put away his

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Our Annual Meeting Photos



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Photos by Mark Booth



The San Diego Miata Club Annual Meeting (cont'd)

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and retired to the beaches of Florida. Thanks Sully! His hand-picked successor **Dave Hunt** was elected as our new Treasurer for 2020.

Once the elections were finished there were some awards presented to some of the many deserving volunteers that make our club roll.

Member of the Year: The perpetual Member of the Year Award was presented to **Dan Garcia and his wife Chris** for his hard work as both Web-master and Post-master in maintaining our website and also changing over our entire e-mail communications without so much as a hiccup.

The Silver Scribbler: The perpetual Silver Scribbler Award was presented to **Gene Streeter** for his many contributions to our Twist & Turns Newsletter.

Salesperson Emeritus: This was a special award presented to **Barb Sullivan** for not only her many years as being our go-to gal for anything Mazda, but also for all the opportunity drawing tickets she's sold through the years. Thanks Barb!

The SDMC Squelchy Award: This was a very special award created by the club president. In fact I even hand made the trophy. The SDMC Squelchy Award was presented to **Alan Kagan** for his leading of the team that changed the way we communicate with each other on runs. Just say no to squelch!

Surf 'n Safari: Gene Streeter updated us on progress toward our Surf 'n Safari 2020 multi-day regional event which already is taking fabulous shape.

We loving said goodbye to members Barb and Dennis "Sully" Sullivan as they start a new chapter in their lives in Margaritaville.

The meeting adjourned and we moved on to equally important business.....

LUNCH & CAKE!



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Surf 'N Safari, 2020

Cutting the umbilical cord to my employer of 29 years has proved more difficult than I expected. My December 1 retirement date arrived almost as quickly as Christmas advertisements after Halloween. I found myself still wrapping-up certain loose ends the last two weeks and migrating away from the security and familiarity of a computer network to a stand-alone that I hadn't properly prepared.

The lone reason for sharing this is in explanation for the minimal communications coming out of my hut the last few weeks. Leaving on a two-week vacation in Europe mid-month (December 15) just compounds the time constraints. Please don't pity me. For those of you already energized about our Surf 'N Safari 2020 project and for those of you re-energized by the latest collection of "volunteerism" email posts, I'll get all of us re-engaged in the planning and committee work in January.

In the meantime, know that we have just seven couples registered for the event and that our registration team is prepared to receive your discounted early registrations. There is work to be done.

Your humble servant,

Gene

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Rear View

Mirror

January, 2020

By Gene Streeter

Reader Participation Rings in the New Year

I heard directly from a few of our loyal readership that last month's column was both entertaining and mildly provocative. I haven't acknowledged the twelve of you for some time, and must confess that my Thanksgiving grace remarks didn't include you for the sake of brevity. (When did you adopt that approach? – Ed.) Since I am grateful for your occasional feedback, I'll do better in the next decade.

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The segment designated "The Irvine Effect" dealt in part with our tour of Mazda's R&D Facility and the reminder of the design philosophy of "jinba ittae" (loosely translated as "horse and rider as one") being incorporated there. What was new, at least to this rider, was Mazda's equally-rooted philosophy of "Onhashiru Yorokobi," again loosely translated as "joy from driving."

Exploring my newly-bolstered comfort with Japanese design philosophy, I left this parting thought: "I have no idea what the Japanese expression might be for "joy from traveling," but I'm hoping that our two weeks abroad produce the same patented Miata smile on my face." One of you was thoughtful enough to provide this response - 旅行からの喜び Ryokō kara no yorokobi

As Lady Bonnie and I cruise from one Christmas Market to the next and from Switzerland to Amsterdam, I'll monitor my facial expressions for the width of the smile I sometimes observe in my Miata's inside rear view mirror. Just a few weeks into the New Year, quite a few of us will be testing that same translation driving along California's Central Coast. Traveling with friends surely makes it better.

SDMC Driving Circus Returns to San Marcos

Speaking of broad smiles on drivers' faces, SDMC's participation in the Annual San Marcos Holiday Parade December 1 produced that and much more. Crafty segue aside, I was honored to participate once again this year, in the company of many friends. I experienced a wardrobe failure, of sorts, where my vehicle speed had a tendency to re-park one of my waving windshield wipers back on the windshield; an easy fix.

As our leader, Steve Waid shared that he overheard directions to the parade entry following us – "you'll want to give them lots of room." We took what they offered, and then some, bobbing and weaving around each other, using the occasional "trapped" Miata as if it were a basketball "pic," before scooting up and down any available lane to begin our maneuver again. I'm guessing the parade route itself is just under a mile long, but when you're driving each segment over and over as we did, it's likely we drove at least four miles. Just not enough of a good thing.

We weren't awarded trophy for our efforts to entertain and illustrate the parade theme – "Sharing and Caring," nor did we need one. Our interactions with children of all ages camped along the parade route was reward enough.

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Auld Lang Syne!

I was fortunate to attend the L A Auto Show for the first time in many years, the day after Thanksgiving. Not in possession of the press credentials (*Sacre bleu!* Twists & Turns should be recognized as automotive press, don't you think? – Ed.) that Jan Wagner, Elliot Shev, and Laura Byrd enjoy, I was forced to brave the crowds looking for a way to walk off the previous day's accumulation of feasting calories. Walking at least four miles, I was able to assess just what's going on in the automotive firmament.

I made mental notes of several themes on display there:

- ◆ The color orange is indeed the “new black” as the Garons' 30 AE license plate claims. Many of the vehicles on display were swathed in orange livery. Orange appears to be the new power color.
- ◆ I can't recall a single major auto manufacturer display that didn't tout an all-electric vehicle, or a hybrid at the very least. Even driver-centric Mazda's display forecast its entry into that scene. With Ferrari's May unveiling of its 986 hp *Ferrari SF90 Stradale* plug-in hybrid, it's becoming clear the performance balance is shifting to horsepower over weight.
- ◆ Ford's bold move in naming it's new, all-electric people mover the “Mustang” drew mixed reactions, as one might expect. My first impression is that it mimics the proportions of the Tesla X cross-over; it's not un-attractive, given its purpose, but it's definitely NOT a Mustang in mission or the pony car segment. It would be analogous to Mazda's naming of the popular CX-5 SUV the new *Miata*.

I leave you with that chilling thought. I hope to see many of you at the Annual New Year's Rose Run – it's simply one of my favorite ways to begin the New Year! Maybe we'll sing a chorus or two of Auld Lang Syne. On second thought ...

Happy Holidays! Happy New Year!

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The Two Hour Run (or was it 2 1/2 hours?)

By Ed Grant

22 brave souls in 17 cars met at 9:30 A.M. on a brilliant day that the Lord made for the SDMC. The temperature was 70 degrees with hardly a cloud in sight, and the roads were clear and dry.

We left at 10 A. M. and proceeded to Valley Center via Cole Grade Road, got behind a van carrying carpet which slowed us down a little bit, that took a little fun out of the uphill curves. We stopped at the Valley Center library for a 15 minute pit stop.

We drove through downtown Valley Center to Lilac Road to West Lilac Road. We were able to scoot across Old 395 without mishap to Camino Del Rey. We turned left to Old 395 where we had an OTM (a semi truck) join us until we reached Hwy. 76. We took Hwy. 76 to Rice Canyon. We were proceeding along at a very responsible speed WHEN a box truck turned right from a driveway without looking and crossed the paint into my lane. Fortunately, as Daryled Bristol pleas, "STAY OFF THE PAINT", sure paid off in spades. I dove for the shoulder -a very narrow one- and stopped just short of a hole that was about 2 feet in diameter.

Well that truck swerved hard, and his left side rear wheels hit a little berm and tilted the truck so that Carol, Richard and Dell w/Debbie almost had that truck in their laps. Shortly after that harrowing experience, Joshua's hydraulic clutch line had loosened up and he was stuck without a clutch. Fortunately Joshua is a mechanic and had some tools along. He managed to tighten and bleed his clutch line enabling him and Christina to continue on to the Rainbow Oaks Restaurant where we lived up to a part of our unofficial motto which is "We drive to eat". I can testify that the food was delicious and abundant.

Thanks to all who made the run a good one, and a special thanks to Steve Norris who did a yeoman's job as sweep.

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New Member Profile: Dennis Sullivan

Lives in Valley Center ... is an Instructor, Office Leader and Tax Preparer for H&R Block ... has four children, four step-children and 10 grandchildren (plus one on the way) ... and enjoys playing golf.

Miata's year and color: Co-pilot in Barb Shev's 2004 Red Mazdaspeed.

Color choice intentional? **Are you kidding?**

Ended up in a Miata because Barb lives two doors down.

Previous sports cars: Closest is a Toyota Solara convertible that was my baby.

Driving scares in a Miata (usually involving big trucks or buses): Every ride with Barb is an adventure.

Enjoys about club runs: The camaraderie and sheer joy of riding through beautiful country with the top down and a beautiful woman in the driver's seat. Monthly meetings are always enjoyable.

Favorite San Diego County road (so far:) Couser Canyon.



San Diego County "discoveries" while on club runs or just out driving: Finding new ways to get from Valley Center to Temecula to visit my mother.

Trips in the Miata being planned: Loved Big Bear. Looking forward to Surf 'N' Safari '10.

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Reminder:

Your membership renewal is due January 1, 2020. Go to the website and download the application and give it to a member of the board or your Membership team with your check for \$35. Don't miss the fun!

Events Information

January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:30am-8:30am Pre-Rose Run Breakfast 8:30am-12:00 pm Rose Run	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 7 pm -8 pm SDMC Monthly	24	25 7am-10am Cars & Coffee Goodwin Racing
26	27	28	29	30	31 Moonstone Beach Weekend Cruise	

San Diego Miata Club

January 2020 Events

January 1 Pre Rose Run Breakfast

For breakfast, meet at 7:30am at Perry's Café, 475 N. Magnolia in El Cajon. After breakfast, a short caravan will take us to the Parkway Plaza meeting for the start of the Rose Run. Questions, call Daryled Bristol at 619-784-3953.

January 1 New Years Day Run (Rose Run) 8:30am-12:00 pm

Come celebrate the New Year Miata style. Meeting location is the Southwest parking lot of Parkway Plaza Shopping Center in El Cajon.

Meeting time: 8:30am

Drivers Meeting 8:45am

Departure 9:00am

This will be a shorter Rose Run than most and will end with a stop for lunch.

January 25 Cars & Coffee @Goodwin Racing

Time 7 am to 10 am

Location 696 Naples Street, Chula Vista

January 31 Moonstone Beach Weekend Cruise

Three day stay planned at the Pelican Inn at Moonstone Beach near Cambria on the central coast. We will leave Friday morning, January 31st, and arrive in Cambria in the afternoon.

Please read the SDMC January Events Calendar for further details.

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Membership

By Chris & Linda Jones

January 2020

Welcome to our newest member...

Joshua Rogotzkez Lakeside 1994 Classic Red

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Questions ? Updates to your membership information? Email us at
membership@SanDiegoMiataClub.org and ask.

Thanks!

Chris & Linda Jones
Your SDMC Membership Team
membership@SanDiegoMiataClub.org

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Upcoming Events Elsewhere

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!

Miatas in Moab VI

April 30—May 2, 2020

<https://www.utahmiataclub.org/miatas-in-moab-vi>

Canada's Capital Miata Meet 2020

August 13-16, 2020

<https://www.umn-c2m2-2020.com/>



Photo by Mark Booth

2019 Moonstone Beach Cruise

Member Classified Ads

Classified ads will be published for paid members on a space available basis. Ads will run for a maximum of 90 days.

For sale: **2012 Mx-5 Miata Grand Touring, PRHT**, dark blue, 2.0 L DOHC, 6 speed manual transmission, bluetooth, factory anti theft alarm, 1sp premium package, 2pr premium package, plus many extras, Mazda dealer serviced, pristine condition, 27,000 miles \$17,995 OBO, **Ted 1(858)349-8988**. Car fax available always babied & hand waxed every 2 weeks.

Renew Your Membership for 2020 !!!

The SDMC membership renewal drive is nearing an end. Avoid the \$5.00 late fee and interruption of access to membership news in the SDMC-Mail@groups.io by ensuring your 2020 renewal is received by January 31st. Cost is still only \$35 for the calendar year.

Some reminders:

All memberships expire on December 31st of current year

Renew on time, but not later than January 31st, 2020. Applications received or post-marked after that date are considered late and will incur a \$5.00 late fee (total \$40) to renew for 2020.

Also use the Renewal form to update your changes – add or shed a car, new vanity plates, changed address, phone, email, copilot, etc.

Specify if you desire a replacement membership card for 2020 (it may be requested at any time if you change your mind). Default (blank) selection is NO Card.

The updated Membership Renewal Application form is available for download on the Club's website: <http://sandiegomiataclub.org/for_members/index.html>. Look for the blue "Renewal Application" link in the middle of the "For Members>>>" page; print or download it to your computer. Bring the completed, signed form to the January monthly meeting (Cash or check accepted), or mail it to the address on the form: SDMC | PO BOX 180456 | CORONADO, CA 92178-0456 (check-only in the mail).

Your SDMC Membership Duo,

Chris & Linda Jones

membership@SanDiegoMiataClub.org

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 **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 all year, for either an individual or a dual membership (two members in the same household). Renewals after January 31 are subject to a \$5 late fee, making a total of \$40. New members joining the first half of the year pay \$35. Those who join in the second half of the year pay \$20.

Badges

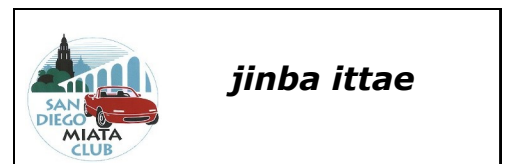
Have you noticed those engraved plastic name badges that other members wear? Would you like to get one? You can now order them on-line from fellow Miata enthusiast, Joe Portas – the KnobMeister. The .pdf order form is available on our SDMC website. These popular magnetic badges are priced at \$6 each, plus shipping.

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Most club communication is conducted via e-mail through a Groups.io named SDMC-Mail.

Follow these steps:

1. Go to <http://groups.io/g/SDMC-mail> (capitalization matters!).
2. Click the button labeled "Apply for Membership to This Group" on the bottom left side of the page
3. Enter the email address you want to use.
4. Your account will be approved after confirmation of club membership.
5. You will receive an email to confirm your address.
6. Please go into the profile section and enter your display Name, First and Last name preferred.
7. Select a Message Delivery and Format option.
8. For complete instructions and club email etiquette, go to the "For Members" section on the SDMC website.



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 December 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 HartDecemberer. 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%

Bumper Rescue, Bumper, body and collision repair with excellent quality and paint matching. Near Rocky's old location. Free estimates and free Uber rides back home once you drop off your car. 10% off with mention of this ad. Contact Shay at 619.286.7377.

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.

Good-Win Racing LLC. Miata intakes, exhausts, shocks, springs & goodies from Racing Beat, Moss & more. www.goodwin-racing.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 696 Naples St. Chula Vista 91911 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).

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 Miatamotive. 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

TJM Enterprises (formerly Magnolia Auto body) Restorations, Body Work. 10027 Prospect Ave. Santee. 619.562.7861 Ask for TJ. Discount: 10% on parts and labor.

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. 760.755.5901 Discount: 20% on most parts; 15% on labor (except smog, oil changes, and tire rotation). For purchase, ask for **Xavier or Tony**.

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

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