

TWISTS & TURNS

May 2020

The Quarantine Issue

From the President

As President of the San Diego Miata Club I feel it is my solemn responsibility to demonstrate proper social distancing attire for a run during these trying times. If you must go out, (and you really shouldn't), make sure you are **properly protected**.



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How to lead a run...

By Daryled Bristol

First pick **your** favorite route. This should start in San Diego County and return to San Diego County. If you pick a restaurant to start and or finish at you can attract more participants (we're a driving club with an eating disorder). Find a sweep! This person will be involved in your run from start to finish. You want to have them on your pre-run. Plan your run for a Saturday or Sunday (or both). Do the pre-run on the same day (Saturday or Sunday a week or 2 in advance) to get a true feel for the traffic and road conditions. If you choose a establishment to start and/or finish at talk to the people in charge. You want quick service and reasonable food so that all can enjoy. Very few restaurants can serve 40 hungry drivers in less than an hour no matter how prepared they are. Especially on a Mom and Pop establishment with no advanced notice is a plan for disaster.

Map it out. Some of us use mapping software but the true test is to drive the route. Take a Navigator who can make notes. You will want to give mileage from point to point ("Turn left at mile 6.5 onto dirt road with large apple tree"). Read your instructions, and read them again. Ask someone else like your sweep do the same and be prepared to compare notes and make corrections and modifications. Some wording might make sense to you but then you are not reading the instructions, it is your run you are just driving. Keep in mind that some members might be driving solo, and not be able to read any complex directions. Feel free to resource previous run directions; they can be accessed from the club home page. Pick a style that suits you.

Pay attention to your time and realize that the more drivers you have, the longer it will take from point to point. Drive at a reasonable speed (signs are simply suggestions) but not everyone wants to drive to the limit of their ability. Plan on comfort stops about every hour; we ain't as young as we once were.

A run does not have to be overly long; it's a chance to get together for what we like to do; DRIVE. Our last run was about 90 minutes; the previous run about 6 hours. An interesting destination might be the hook that gets people involved. An auto museum? A great historical site? Something interesting. Or just a beautiful drive.

Earn your magnetics and have a great time with wonderful people.

P.S. Save the directions and plan to re-run the following year or two, minor modifications can make for good times...

How to Sweep (aka Tail-End Charlie)

By Steve Norris

The San Diego Miata Club runs are well organized. Each run has a Leader and a Sweep. Sometimes with larger groups, there is also a Mid-Sweep to help with communication. The Sweep is the person who keeps the Leader apprised of how the group is doing and makes sure nobody gets lost or left behind. They typically go on the pre-run with the Leader so they know all of the turns. Being a Sweep is a great experience for anyone wanting to earn their magnetics by being a Leader in the future. Being a Sweep is less pressure than being a Leader and an opportunity to learn the mechanics of a run.

The Sweep helps the Leader know how the group is doing by calling out as they exit a parking lot or makes a turn. This is typically something like the Sweep saying, "Sweep made the right turn at the stop sign." Then the Leader might say something like, "Thank you, Sweep."

The Sweep is there to make sure nobody gets lost on a run by keeping tabs on everyone as turns are negotiated. With smaller groups this can be done visually. With larger groups they need to rely on the Mid-Sweep or others commenting on the radio when someone misses a turn. If that happens, the group should continue following the main body of the group and the sweep should chase down the errant car(s). Radios make this task much easier. They can make it easier to identify who is in which car so the person who needs to be caught can be called by name on the radio.

If someone has a breakdown, the Sweep will notify the leader about the situation and will stay to help get the car back on the road and help that person to the end of the run.

One important function of a Sweep that is sometimes overlooked is they are the eyes at the back of the pack in a regrouping situation. If the Leader has staged a regrouping, they need the Sweep to communicate when to start the group rolling again. If there are OTMs (Other Than Miata), it is good to let the Leader know which OTM they should let pass before pulling out. If the road is clear, the Sweep should call out for the Leader to start rolling as soon as the back group sees the front group on the side of the road when its safe to proceed.

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Big Ed Grant and the Road Ahead and Beyond

By Daniel Mocerì

As a “retread” with the Miata Club, and on my first Run back, I was met with a big hand-shake and a smile from a tall gentleman, “Ed”, welcoming me and my wife “back to the fold.” Ed sat with us during our Club’s luncheon that day, and reassured us “you’re in good hands with the Club’s runs.”

On that first Club run, we didn’t have a “hand-held radio” of sorts, so we stayed close to the car ahead. It wasn’t until we purchased our new ham radio that we then realized what we were missing! Even after that, there were times when I fell behind, or lost my lead car (“bread-crumber”), but then I would hear Big Ed on the radio informing all of us how things were going... “right turn ahead, Bikers on the left, OTM’s came in, sweep made the turn”, etc. Ed’s voice was such a reassuring voice that I came to rely on! Ed is a warm, soft-spoken Big Man with a big heart.

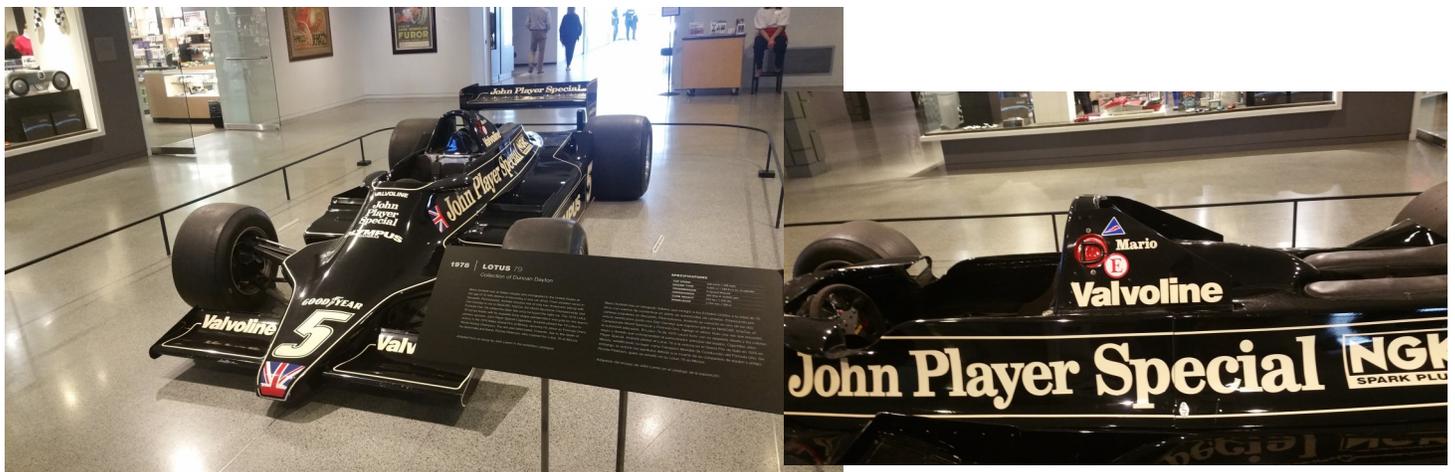
This is not his epitaph, but a salute to him, and I’m sure all of us feel the same. All of us have only such much control of our lives. Why do things happen? Why me? Why them? All of us have these issues...

I wish nothing but clear roads ahead for Big Ed. Sometimes a different road still leads you back home. And so it goes ... Zoom Zoom



Phoenix Art Museum 2020

Photos by Larry Lloyd



Lotus 79 with ground effects



Ferrari 250 GTO



Porsche 917/30 Can Am killer 1100 hp



Shelby Cobra Daytona Coupe



Ford GT40 Mk II driven by Jacky Ickx & Jackie Oliver 1969 Le Mans winner



Scarab designed & driven by Lance Reventlow



Gurney Eagle Westlake, only US built Formula 1, Dan Gurney winner at Spa T&T



Rear View

Mirror

May, 2020

By Gene Streeter

Memories ... "the Way We Were"

No newsletter was published last month, despite efforts to stave off the COVID-19 blues. After all, my March Rear View Mirror column was all about Cruisin' the Central Coastal, Freestyle ... all about the seventeen Miatas, great scenery and roads, and interactions among the thirty of us that attended. As Sixties singing sensation Barbra Streisand suggested:

The way we were....

The month of March saw us conducting impromptu, hybrid runs (still gasoline-powered ... don't get ahead of yourself), making concessions to social distancing with in-car drivers' meetings and drive-through burger lunches. With the tighter social distancing restrictions subsequently adopted in San Diego County, even our impromptu runs fell victim to stay-at-home expectations. I don't disagree that SDMC's suspension of events was appropriate, I just miss the level of social interaction I was accustomed to ... the way we were.

If your interests included anything from archery and basketball to yachting and Zumba, our county, state, and nation put the skids to fan attendance, even the contests themselves. That is, unless your favorite sport could be performed virtually. Given all the racing and training simulators, certain motorsports competitions resumed ... virtually. The racing action I observed was at least as good as the CGI apparent in Call of the Wild, courtesy of Buck's character. Those of you plugged into the NASCAR scene might be aware of a certain competitor's ostracism (can't you come up with a simpler word? – Ed.) and firing from the job he loves when he carried his "way we were" choice of words way too far.

Miata Fights Coronavirus Epidemic?

Got your attention? As it happens, there is a firefighter in New York's Long Island area whose family name is "Miata." Not quite the factoid you were expecting? Work with me here. A proud mother submitted a photo of her firefighter son in his bright yellow turnouts, manning a charged (pressurized) water line to fight a fire. (A "blast from the past" for retired firefighter/member Dell Pound.) Where I'd love to share the image with you, it is clearly copyrighted. You can have a look for yourself via this link: <http://www.news12.com/story/41932746/your-heroes-of-coronavirus-photos>. Fair warning, you'll need to wade through dozens of images to find this particular one. Mrs. Miata was quoted as saying "He is a volunteer firefighter for our town. He doesn't think twice about going to help people in this time, or anytime, regardless of COVID." | East Northport (Long Island, New York)

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Humor Is Where You Find It

Our own "Mr. Warm 'n Fuzzy" recently modeled good behavior, if not Hollywood style, at our last such impromptu club run. I might be out on the proverbial limb here, but neither attribute is typically associated with our own Daryled Bristol. His long-suffering wife, Carlan, must be very proud as well. See for yourself in the attached photo, not subject to copyright, since I took it for this very purpose.



photo by your proud author. If you look carefully, Daryled seems to be rocking dual antennae as part of his costume; they just happen to be in the background.

Not to be outdone, a certain "man of mystery" arrived at the same Steve Norris-led impromptu run posing as the COVID-19 version of "the Stig." You might remember seeing the "bored Stig" video Steve shared the beginning of April. Since there's also a "Twists 'N Turns" contest elsewhere in these overdue pages, I'm not going to provide any other commentary, other than to suggest he certainly looks "dignified."



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Lastly, I happen to “know a guy” that knows the guy responsible for an image that’s already been widely circulated. In terms of personal protection from potential exposure to the coronavirus, this individual pretty much has all his bases covered. My guess is, social distancing won’t be a problem for him, either. I would not want to get too close to someone potentially armed with a speargun. “Sheer craziness” or “good old-fashioned creativity,” you be the judge. Many of us have reacted in our own, unique ways to the challenges of the current pandemic.

Courtesy of <https://i.imgur.com/Mo4wU9y.jpg>



“Sharing Is Caring”

I prefer the sharing of assorted bits of humor in the club posts of late. As his nickname suggests, Dan “Radar” Garcia reminded all of us of the chat feature our current site allows, in addition to his personal humorous and uplifting posts. He knew just what we needed as a club. Looking out for one another, listening, and sharing is just what the doctor ordered. Since our canceled SDMC monthly meeting in March was sorely missed, I look forward to President David’s April meeting effort via Zoom ... or, zoom-zoom, as it’s commonly referred to. Should be fun and uniquely challenging, based upon my initial meeting effort on the same platform. Here’s a hint, David. If you un-mute the entire audience, we can sing Happy Birthday to two months’ worth of celebrants in our own unique way.

My own feeble attempts at sharing humorous observations included my “Isolation Diary” posts. Where I’ve promised to serialize this effort, I’m hopeful they won’t be necessary (or even *appreciated* – Ed.) beyond the end of this month. As seldom-seen Carol Freeland wryly observed “as much as I like laughing at these amusing observations, I hope you will not have a reason to start all over on May 1. If that were to happen you could just say MAY DAY, MAY DAY.”

“Zoom, Zoom, Zoom”

There’s some irony to be mined with Mazda – North America’s marketing campaign distancing itself from the “Zoom Zoom” phrase they had embraced for many years. Yes, the reference was childlike; those were the words many of us mouthed as we played with toy cars as children, while performing jumps and spins on homemade dirt tracks or store-bought plastic ones. For some of us, those early driving maneuvers were even manifest in later years as well. The examples of Steve Waid, Greg Lee, Bill “Bigfoot” Bennett, and sad to say, “yours truly” as part of Flyin’ Miata’s Summer Camp at Grand Junction International Raceway or even Mazda Raceway at Laguna Seca are evidence some of those same moves survived well beyond puberty.

For those of you with good memories, Mazda began retiring the “zoom, zoom, zoom” tagline in an effort to better relate to customers outside the fold. (I had to look it up, too. – Ed.) Their market research indicated that prospective buyers outside the existing customer base (and especially Miata owners) weren’t clear on what it meant. Where most of us related well to the child-like exuberance of “zoom-zoom,” the “Driving

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Matters" (circa 2015) and "Feel Alive" (circa 2018) mantras are more relatable for John Q. Public.

Marketing mavens or not, most of us are familiar with the phrase "timing is everything." One of the obvious effects of self-quarantine, social distancing, and outright "stay-at-home" guidelines, is our new reliance on virtual conferencing options to stay connected, conduct business, distance learning, even participate in church services and choir practices. The recent headline "Zoom's daily active users jumped from 10 million to over 200 million in 3 months" gives us some appreciation of the scale.

Thank you, Lynn Nolan and Les Smith for suggesting the Zoom option of conducting our own Surf 'N Safari meetings. Paying attention, I hear the expression "zoom zoom" frequently being used to reference the video conferencing option and company. Hey, isn't that the retired marketing slogan and battle-cry of Miata faithful everywhere? Talk about your missed opportunity, Mazda ...

"Out of An Abundance of Caution" & Last Lap Predictions

I'm not alone in the forecast that our lives will be very different, going forward. Our society is forever changed, not unlike what we saw unfolding in the wake of 9/11. I fully expect the phrase "out of an abundance of caution" be incorporated into a Wheel of Fortune quiz. I also expect, like others, our American-style handshake greeting to go the way of audio cassette and CD players. They'll still be out there, but in declining use. Instead, I'm practicing my Vulcan salute and toying with a slight bow or clasped, prayerful hands to communicate respect.

While I haven't yet done it, I'm curious if purchasing an automotive thermometer makes any sense. Chasing my NB's cooling system overheating situation (now corrected), Rocky frequently focused his infrared thermometer on various cooling system components to diagnose the problem. Here's what that tool looks like:



Just imagine your reaction the first time someone (especially a non-medical professional) points this tool at your forehead to assess your body temp and wellness. Please realize, Mr. Kagan, the Snap-On tool price is usually on the "high side." I didn't "shop" multiple sources.

Capable of measuring from -200 to 1,000 degrees Centigrade (that's hot ... even for Arizona. – Ed.), I can see myself taking everything from forehead to BBQ/grilling temps. Hmmm. At \$164.00, plus the lithium battery, it's not inexpensive; but then, again, neither are the assorted economic costs we're dealing with. Rather than lapse into the social costs and negatives, I'm going to call-out Dan Garcia one more time for "my" closing comments. In his post of March 2nd, he shared the following:

I believe that when this ends – AND IT WILL....maybe...

SDMC Member Highlights

By Terry Thompson

Name: Isidro Gasca Guerrero

Miata year, model and color: 2016, ceramic metallic, sport (base) model

SDMC member since December 2019, but met a few members before that, on runs and at Miata Reunion Laguna Seca

I grew up in: Tijuana, Mexico and El Cajon, California

Occupation: Lot Porter at Bob Stall Chevrolet

Favorite Restaurants: Ami sushi, Casa de Pico, Marechiaro's, and just about anywhere with a good burger

Favorite Food: Authentic Mexican, chicken wings, and juicy steaks

Favorite Movies: Pulp Fiction, The Wolf of Wall Street, anything Marvel, Star Wars and most scary movies



Favorite Music: I like to keep an open mind and will listen to most types of music

Hobbies and leisure activities: Tinkering around mine or my buddy's car, enjoying a cold beer in company of good friends, binge TV shows, go on hikes, go to the gym and of course drive my Miata

Something most people don't know about me: I'm very quiet and shy, I keep to myself, even if it doesn't look like it.

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Surf 'N Safari, 2020

May 2020

Surf 'N Safari Update

It's not easy to focus our attentions on things 5-6 months into the future, especially given the present circumstances. But that is what is required of your Surf 'N Safari core planning committee. Your particular volunteer participation happens farther down the road. At least, that remains the current plan.

We are committed to the planning efforts necessary to conduct our regional event October 8-11. Per the latest information from tenured event registrars, Paula and Steve Kennison, we've seen very few additional registrations since the price uptick March 1; that's not unusual. We're also on par with previous Surf 'N Safari registration volumes this many months out. To date, only one couple has cancelled their registration amid all the COVID-19 and health uncertainties. These are both comforting and acceptable indicators.

Believing the social landscape will improve on multiple levels, and that our Miata community will have some seriously pent-up interest in travel and fun with like-minded folks, we look forward to holding the Miata-based party we've been promising all along. Since you've come to expect "transparency" (don't forget long-winded essays and bad jokes – Ed.) from me, we'll continue monitoring two legitimate concerns – the level of social restrictions in play and the level of interest (reflected in the # of registrations) we observe in early August.

Stay positive and stay tuned!

Gene

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Aftermarket Goodies

By David Bryan

Good-win Racing and Moroso. It isn't often that I feel inclined to publicly endorse a product or service, but in this instance I am compelled to do both. Having been sentenced to COVID prison for a period of unknown duration I've taken on a few projects. I'd heard the horror stories of failure of the pressurized plastic coolant tank in Miata's NC model resulting in overheating and fried engines. I decided to replace my still functional but much yellowed plastic tank with an upgraded Moroso aluminum tank that I ordered on-line from Good-win Racing. I ordered it on Thursday and it was at my door on Friday! It was even on sale, which happen to be two of my favorite words. I didn't even pay for shipping. Free, being another favorite.



Now let's talk about the Moroso tank itself. Before I branched out into my own business I spent over 30-years in Aerospace manufacturing, the majority as senior engineer responsible for various Space Shuttle pressure vessels, fuel lines and weldments. Suffice to say I know a little. I understand that Good-win Racing, working with Moroso, created this tank. This is a beautifully made and excellently designed piece of plug-and-play hardware. Aluminum is difficult to weld, and these excellent welds are even nice looking. I could have opted as many do for a decorative black satin finish but chose to save the slight up-charge. After viewing a couple of You-Tube videos the tanks were exchanged in about ½ hour. Out with the old & in with the new. In fact the hardest part of the project was getting the old coolant out of the tank so as not to make a mess. Sorry Laurie, I owe you another turkey baster. Boom; Good-win Racing and Moroso; perfect fit!



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COX email server issues with Club mail list.

By Dan Garcia

If you are one of the dozen or so that are using your cox.net email address in our email provider groups.io you may be interested in this message.

I have noticed that emails I send to our mail list, groups.io, have been arriving to my Cox.net email address and my wife Chris's personal Cox address are very, very delayed. Some times that delay is over 12 hours. I have also seen a similar delay in emails sent by other members to the group email list. This was annoying to me and so I searched for a reason. I am pretty sure I found it, and it appears to be caused by Cox.

Evidence strongly suggests that Cox does have problems with their email service and have made policy changes that seem contrary to improving the service.

Anyway, I just changed my Cox email address with groups.io to my gmail address. I saw a huge improvement in what I think is a reasonable lag time in receiving emails posted to groups.io.

If you are a Cox user, you are probably experiencing long delays too, but you may not have noticed. If this troubles you, I suggest you change your address to another non cox address if you have one.

To change you email:

Sign on the your group.io account

Navigate to the far-right side of the top blue bar.

Click the link with your display name showing

Click 'Account'

In the email section, type in your email address you are changing to

Click the blue Change Email button.

This is just a suggestion to improve your experience with our club messages, so you get them in a timely manner. Feel free to email or call me at 619 448-4380 if you have questions.

From the postmaster - Dan

With Mark Booth's permission, here is copy of the email he sent out a few days after I posted the above message on March 23. (edited)

Cathy is subscribed to the SDMC email list via her cox.net email account. She has NOT been receiving the email messages sent to the SDMC list the last few days. Today she received a notification from Groups.io that her Groups.io account had been turned off because the emails sent (by Groups.io) to her cox.net email address have been getting bounced by Cox's servers. I was able to turn her Groups.io account back on, but it will only happen again unless Cox manually updates its software to accept Groups.io emails.

Basically, because the SDMC list has been kinda busy the last few days, Cox's servers in the San Diego area are seeing a bunch of incoming emails from Group.io to various cox.net email addresses. Cox's servers are perceiving these email messages as spam and NOT delivering them.

Bottom line: If you are using a cox.net email address for the club email list, I strongly recommend you switch to an alternate email address.

Of course, those of you that are getting Groups.io to cox.net right now probably won't see this for awhile (if at all). I'm not sure how widespread Cox's email server issue is, but I can't log into Cox webmail right now at all (the page won't load).

Mark

Mark has since created a gmail account for Cathy and switched her Groups.io account to that email address. She is now receiving club emails very quickly.

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Two's Company...

By John Lord

As of this writing on April 11, we're almost a month into the 'shutdown'. In the earlier weeks of this pandemic, SDMC with good intentions and good humor found some ways to push the limits while maintaining social distancing guidelines and abiding by the letter of government guidelines. However, as guidelines became more specific and more restrictive, it quickly became obvious that club-sponsored (or even club-sanctioned) impromptu runs were no longer feasible.

Here's a Miata-related article on how COVID-19 affected Phyllis and me:

On March 8, the Coronavirus was just gaining national attention. Our daughter Katie, her husband Danny, and their 5 kids descended upon our household for a long-overdue visit from Montana. Their family business is a roadside cafe, and when that is your sole source of income, there is no such thing as a paid vacation. The last time they were here in San Diego was seven years ago.

Our most welcome guests arrived in the wee hours of the morning on Sunday the 8th, which was Phyllis' birthday. Sam, who celebrated his 12th birthday on the family's previous visit, got up early that morning to accompany me to church. He got to ride with me in the Miata, which he thoroughly enjoyed.

I had two weeks of vacation time set aside to enjoy with them during their visit, and we had plans for the beach, for the zoo, Safari Park, and who knows, maybe some other local attractions. But those didn't happen because it rained almost every day that first week. On one of those days, the weather cleared enough in the morning to make a trip to Miramar Lake, so we spent the morning there, circling the lake on foot and on bicycles, and wore ourselves out. (Well, except for the kids, of course.)

But something unexpected happened in that first week. Although Phyllis and I had been careful to stock up on some groceries and other items that we thought we might need, somehow, we'd neglected to include toilet paper in that list. We heard through the grapevine that there was a sudden, bizarre, country-wide demand for toilet paper. By this time, we were down to three spare rolls, with 9 people in the house! Costco was sold out of the stuff on our first visit, as was Smart & Final, but we scored at Rite-Aid, at least for one large package!

Now, Katie and Danny had brought a lot of food with them (they run a restaurant after all), and that helped us through the first few days, but 9 people go through food pretty quickly, especially when five of them are aged from 12 to 21! Food runs had to be pretty frequent! Those became increasingly challenging as the crisis tightened its grip. But we were blessed to find everything we actually needed, if not everything we wanted.

On Wednesday of that week, Joe (15) accompanied me on my trip to Calvary Chapel Ramona for rehearsal with my worship team. (Gracie got to go with me the following week.) On the way back, Joe kept going on about how much he enjoyed the Miata. I was amazed at how little traffic we encountered along the way, especially on the way there, since we left the house at 6 p.m.

The weather finally cleared the week of March 15th, but by this time things were shutting down as concern over the Coronavirus began to sink in. My co-workers were encouraged to work from home, which didn't affect me directly at that point since I was still on vacation. But the San Diego Zoo and other recreational venues had closed their doors to the public "out of abundance of caution", so our family staycation plans were further modified.

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Darby, Montana, where these kids have lived for the past seven years, is a very small town, surrounded by ranches large and small, and lots of open land, with rivers, creeks and a lovely reservoir about five miles from their house. These kids are used to keeping themselves entertained and enjoying the great outdoors. Phyllis and I own three bicycles, and a generous neighbor loaned us a fourth, so the kids spent hours enjoying the nearby trails in the canyons of Tierrasanta.



On one day when the rainy weather rolled back in, Phyllis suggested that the boys give me a hand in handling a task I'd postponed for some time. My 2001 NB LS has leather seats, but they were showing signs of wear, and getting downright unsightly. A few years back, after Mark and Cathy Booth sold their NB in favor of their 2016 LE, they sold us their original leather seat covers for a great price, especially considering the fact those covers were in nearly new condition. The boys were excited by the prospect of helping me replace the old seat covers, so we tackled the job. Phyllis' chief concern was that I didn't try to lift out the seats by myself. But one thing was

clear from the start-- the boys would not be content to watch with arms folded while Grandpa did the bulk of the work. In fact, I soon found myself looking over their shoulders while they did the whole thing with a minimum of supervision. This was especially appreciated as we discovered this was going to be a bigger job than I'd anticipated. The boys were undaunted, and tackled each new challenge with care, skill, and confidence, and were careful to note how everything came apart, so they could put it back together. I can't say how proud I am of these kids!

As the weekend approached, shelter-in-place orders had spread to all but a few states. Montana was shutting down, meaning the family would not be allowed to conduct their café's business as usual, so they decided to spend another week with us, which we welcomed!

I had to go back to work during week 3 of their visit, and all but one morning of that was working from home. On Wednesday of that week, I dropped my Miata off at Rocky's to get a new top installed. Jacob got to ride with me on the way there. I took Thursday afternoon off to spend it with the family since they were leaving on Friday morning to return to Montana. Anna got to ride with me on the way back from Rocky's. We spent the afternoon breaking the camp that we'd set up for the boys in our back yard.

Before the kids arrived, our house was comfy and cozy, sized just right for Phyllis and I. When they arrived, it seemed like we were almost always on top of each other, with tons of fun and laughter. But the day they left (and for several days after), our house seemed large and empty indeed.

Each of the five kids got to go with Grandpa on a nice, long ride in the Miata. (I also took each of them on a short ride on my Goldwing, but that's not

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Events Information

May 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri 1	Sat 2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 31	25	26	27	28 7pm-8pm SDMC Monthly Meeting TBD	29	30

San Diego Miata Club

May 2020 Events

See the SDMC web site for further details

Due to the quarantine, club events have been cancelled at this time until the quarantine is lifted.

Thursday, May 28th – The **club monthly meeting** is held on the 4th Thursday of the month. **7 pm–8 pm**. Hamburger Factory in Poway TBD Restaurant closed due to CoVid-19.

A **virtual meeting** will be on **Zoom** Thursday, April 23rd at 7:00pm.

Meeting ID 995 896 7295

Password twisties (all lower case)

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Future SDMC Event

Surf 'N Safari 2020

October 8-11, 2020

<http://www.sandiegomiataclub.org/sns20/index.html>

Please read the SDMC May Events Calendar for further details.

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Membership

By Chris & Linda Jones

May 2020

Welcome to our newest members...

Haroon & L-Z-J-V Saidy	Escondido	2006 Winning Blue
Doug & Joy Chaney	Pauma Valley	2018 Jet Black Mica
Michael Halloran	Escondido	Looking!

And welcome back after a long gap...

Michael & Silvia Lenth	San Diego	2019 Fiat 124 Forte Black Metallic
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Our Club's numbers as of 4/15/2020:

139 memberships (38 single, 101 dual) for a total of 240 members.

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Membership Roster updated and posted

The membership roster is available for downloading from the SDMC-Mail@groups.io website. This website is available only to current (paid) members. To access the file:

Go to <groups.io/g/SDMC-mail> and click on "Log In" at upper right corner.
Once logged in, go to "Your Groups" and click on "SDMC-mail" for next screen.
Click on "Files" from list of choices on left side
Click on folder titled "SDMC MEMBERSHIP ROSTER"
Open or download the .pdf file to your device. The most recently updated roster is posted.

All are reminded to protect the member information; it's not to be shared with anyone outside SDMC.

Updates: Send any updates to your information via email to <membership@SanDiegoMiataClub.org>

Access: If you don't have an SDMC-Mail account, or want to set it up with a different email address, send email request to Membership with your name and the email address you want to use. Membership team will validate eligibility and generate a system invitation through Groups.io.

Your SDMC Membership Team,

Chris & Linda Jones
membership@SanDiegoMiataClub.org

Upcoming Events Elsewhere

Miatas at the Gap MATG XXIV

August 6-9, 2020

<https://www.GapMiatas.com>

Canada's Capital Miata Meet 2020

August 13-16, 2020

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

Miata Reunion

October 31-November 1, 2020

<https://miatareunion.com/>

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!

pertinent to this publication.)

By the way, fear not, dear reader... During a later visit to the store, we did score a decent amount of precious toilet paper. I dearly hope that, by the time this newsletter is published, this global crisis will be showing signs of winding down. I also hope and pray this finds all of us all healthy and well, and eager to *roll* once again!



John's new top T&T

The Drive by Daryled Bristol

Last Veterans Day I was making my way to Goodwin's for a gathering, southbound on the 805, Waze directed me to take the "E" Street off ramp West bound, I found myself on a wide boulevard doing somewhere less than 50 MPH, in passing I noticed a speed limit sign of 25 MPH and wondering if there was a school zone and glanced about in wonder as to why a 25 MPH zone on such a wide open roadway. I crested the hill and noticed flashing yellow lights with again the 25 MPH speed limit. Shortly thereafter I pulled along a Toyota Corolla and matched his speed at 35 as the posted limit would indicate. It was then that I noticed a motorcycle officer at a cross street and again glanced at my speedometer that read 35. He pulled in behind me followed for a short distance and lit me up...

OK, somewhat in dismay I pulled over and went thru the polite exchange of information (yes officer, no officer, I don't have clue as to why you pulled me over, etc. etc.). I politely received my citation stating a speed of 49 MPH in a 25 MPH zone.

I returned home and informed my loving, understanding wife of the incident (head explodes). and recalled an incident related to me from Alan Kagan something about a "Written Declaration"? A short phone call to Alan and yup, it only cost a postage stamp and a little time (after posting bail of \$367).

I went online and looked it up and followed directions (like I always do) filling out the form and adding a short declaration "I was west bound on "E" street at 9:00 AM on a beautiful sunny day with light traffic, I do NOT believe I was speeding." That was it-no hugs and kisses, no flowers, just a simple statement.

February 25 I received a notice from Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, a decision of NOT Guilty! A check of \$367 will be issued and I will receive it within 60 days. Explanation: **No Evidence submitted regarding the accuracy of the equipment.** Was I speeding? Yes I was, I don't feel I was risking any one's life or property.

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:

"Robbins Vinyl Tonneau Cover (1900H) for a 1990-1997 Miata with plastic window in the top. Never installed, new in box.

Current **MOSS Motors price** is \$369 + tax.

For sale for \$100. Call Chuck at 619 654-0555."

Chuck Graham

FOR SALE: (Submitted on April 1st)

2013 Mazda MX5 Miata "Club PRHT"

Power Retractable Hardtop w/ "smart-top module"

Crystal White Pearl Mica w/ black hard top and side mirrors

50,000 miles

6-speed manual transmission

Sport Suspension

Price: \$1,000,000.00 firm

The car is in EXCELLENT CONDITION. Everything works, but there is a loose nut behind the wheel. Financial arrangements may be made through Helen Wait. Anyone wishing to purchase my car can go to Helen Wait!

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For Sale:

1993 Miata, White W/ Tan leather interior. 139 K miles. I'm 2nd owner. Includes hardtop. It's a 5 sp , with new clutch done last year at Rocky's in Chula Vista. Recent new tires. Has the light-weight 1994 Miata wheels.

Looks and runs great. \$5800.

Contact Don Sinclair at 760-525-4122

RED still rules!

As some in our Club proclaim, a sports car is meant to be painted RED (Some claim yellow—Ed). The numbers continue to speak for themselves as shown here comparing vehicle color group counts for December 2018 and April 2020.

Color Group	December 2018		April 2020	
	Count	% of Total	Count	% of Total
Blacks	12	7%	19	12%
Blues	25	15%	21	14%
Grays	15	9%	18	12%
Greens	9	5%	6	4%
Oranges	2	1%	11	7%
Reds	64	39%	52	34%
Silvers	12	7%	6	4%
Whites	19	12%	15	10%
Yellows	7	4%	5	3%
TOTAL	165	100%	153	100%

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