



# TWISTS & TURNS

October 2021

## Another Road Trip

*By Steve Waid*

Laurie and I just got home from another road trip so I thought I had better write this article before my 76 year old memory started to fade. The trip was 6,443 miles and 23 days long. We went to 16 states, not counting California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, and Kansas. We then repeated 5 of those states. Those joining us on this adventure were Terry and Julie Thompson, Dave and Pam Hunt, Dell Pound, and Debbie Skordilis.

One observation that I can make is that, although I carried a mask all of the time throughout the trip, I only wore it once. We stopped to use the restroom in a New Mexico gas station. There was a sign on the door stating that New Mexico law required that a mask be worn in public buildings at all times. (This had not been true anywhere else in New Mexico). I put it on to honor the sign, but upon entering I found no one wearing a mask. I would say that throughout the trip only 15 to 20 percent of the public was wearing a mask. Interesting, upon reflection.

I am going to try to only highlight some of the memories by type, so that others that joined us might be able to write about their own experiences. Therefore I will not write about Miatas at the Gap (MATG), which was supposedly where we were going.

### SITES AND ATTRACTIONS VISITED

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### Sites, Continued

The Thing – Whenever we travel on Interstate 8 in Arizona near Tucson we are treated to numerous signs saying we must stop to see the mystery of “The Thing”. I had whined for years that we had never stopped to “be amazed by The Thing”. This time I was accommodated. We were all “amazed at what we saw”. I will not go into details here, but I will gladly show you the picture when asked.

Magnolia Market at the Silos – For those people of a particular interest (insert HGTV here), this is a well known attraction in Waco, Texas. Each of us enjoyed a different part of the experience. I got a fresh Cinnamon Roll at the Bakery and sat in the patio with a cup of coffee and Terry Thompson while the ladies and the other “boy toys” shopped.

Lane Motor Museum – We spent three nights in Nashville. The first day, Dell Pound encouraged Terry and me to go with him to the Lane Motor Museum. The museum is known for its collection of unusual motor vehicles. Most of them we would call cars, but there were propeller driven vehicles as well, an ice sled, canoe, snowmobile, and cars. There were some tiny cars and peddle cars and much more. We all were glad we went. The ladies were glad because we left them alone.

The Grand Ole Opry – We made a point of getting reservations for the Saturday Night performance and were not disappointed. The Grand Ole Opry has been broadcast on radio for over 80 years, and they know what they are doing. I believe that even if you didn’t care for country music, you couldn’t help but be entertained by the program. It contained a little bit of everything. But the real excitement happened when we left the building only to find a titanic thunderstorm had moved in. Lightning strikes were all around us as we scurried to our cars and back to the hotel. One of us remembered to pack an umbrella. You figure out which one.

The Country Music Hall of Fame – Because Laurie and I have visited Nashville and the Hall of Fame a couple of times before, we spent some time exploring the area while the rest visited the Hall. I know it is a don’t-miss attraction when you are in Nashville, with lots of music history.

The Jack Daniels Distillery Tour – South of Nashville is Lynchburg, the home of Jack Daniels Distillery. Pam and Dave Hunt convinced us that this was a really interesting tour and worth making reservations in advance. I had to produce a photo I.D. before they would let me in. Go Figure! This was another terrific tour with a significant amount of history included. The grounds are well maintained and the distillery continues to function as designed. At the end, we had the opportunity to taste 7 different brews of Jack Daniels Whiskey. As a non-drinker, I tasted one. I accidentally tasted some of my after-shave once, and it tasted the same to me. An interesting anecdote is that for years they have tried to find out how the “Number 7” was assigned to their whiskey. They have yet to find any reason for it.

The Biltmore Estate – In Asheville, North Carolina we visited the Biltmore Estate. Terry Thompson kept saying before we got there, “How can you spend a full day looking at a house?” After our tour, he said that he was sure glad that someone had convinced him to go. I don’t think I have walked and climbed that much in years. Particularly with the pandemic forcing us to stay home as

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much as we have. Regardless, it was a magnificent piece of architecture, gardens, and the grounds were counted in hundreds of acres. Again, more history to try to fathom at every turn.

Dollywood – We didn't actually go to Dollywood, but we drove through the town of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee which is kind of like the Gateway to Dollywood. It reminded me of early Anaheim after Disneyland opened. There were hotels, restaurants, and crazy attractions. There were hotels, restaurants, and crazy attractions like "Alcatraz, The Crime Museum". It was built to look like a prison with a guard standing in the watchtower.

Meramec Caverns – We had decided to travel some of Route 66 on the way home, and Meramec Caverns was one of the attractions along the Mother Road that we all agreed we should visit. It was a true tourist trap with signs starting at least 50 miles before we came to the turn off to "see Jesse James' hideout".

Pioneer Woman Ranch – This attraction was promoted by Pam Hunt and Debbie Skordilis. The Pioneer Woman, I found out, is a celebrity chef. The Ranch is somewhere in Northern Oklahoma. For a number of reasons that I won't go into, our group split in Oklahoma City, and only the Hunts and Debbie and Dell went on to see the ranch. They reportedly had a great time. The Thompsons and the Waids moved on to see some of the Route 66 sites.

The La Posada Hotel – We were all back together for dinner at the La Posada. The La Posada was Fred Harvey's last great railroad hotel in Winslow, Arizona on Route 66, just a few blocks from "the Corner" which we could stand on as we "took it easy" on our way through town. Staying at the La Posada is an adventure unto itself. If you do not know the history of the Harvey House hotels built by Fred Harvey after coming to America from London, then you have missed a great story of the building of America as the country grew west. We had a great dinner, historic rooms, interesting and compelling art, and trains to boot.

## EATING ON A ROAD TRIP

When you travel with others on a road trip, eating is not necessarily an easy thing. You have some people who find eating is nothing much more than one of the necessities that sustain life. I, for instance, am a "first place on the right" eater. I know I can find something on the menu that I will like. Others are compelled to begin researching restaurants that are coming up as we travel, and each then will download the menu so that we can discuss the options over the radio. Once a decision is reached, we then use the GPS (various ones in use) to find the way to the establishment and then hope that it is open for lunch. Generally that process gets us done eating lunch by 3 p.m., depending on the time zone. Dinner is a similar process; however it is done in the comfort of the lobby of the hotel. Breakfast, fortunately, is almost always done at the hotel before we leave. The more people on the trip, the more interesting this process becomes. I have a lot of fun offering "how about IHOP!"

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## Another Road Trip, cont'd

### THERE ARE DIFFERENT TYPES OF ROAD TRIPS

There are the Miata event destination road trips. This is where we are headed to a Miata event such was "Miatas at the Gap".

There are road trips where we are limited as to how long we can be gone because of a traveler(s) that must be back home by a particular day. Can you say "work"?

My personal favorite is the completely unstructured road trip. You just load the car, point it in some direction, and see where and when you end up.

These road trips are then affected by some of the following considerations that may influence things:

The number of people with you.

Sometimes a traveler wishes to spin off from the group to visit someone. Possibly even exit the group completely.

The size of the smallest bladder.

### IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO BE HOME

There is always a time on the trip when you would just like to be home. It doesn't happen to everyone at the same time, but it does happen. No matter how good a time was had, it is always good to be home. Laurie and I are now home.



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## You Can't Judge a Book by the Cover

*Words by Lynn Nolan, Photos by Tom Thompson*

It has a very unimaginative name and the building itself is equally nondescript, even a little austere in appearance. And yet, what it lacks in charisma, it makes up for in many other ways.

**The Automobile Driving Museum** is located near LAX. Not your typical auto museum (the cars are NOT roped off), it also schedules numerous events-- including Sunday rides in some of their vintage cars. We decided to venture to LA to tour the museum. Also, the British Car Show that was featured that day also caught our eye.



Street parking was not a problem, and we arrived *Cont'd on next page*

to see cars that have a lot of TLC! After taking in those sights, we ventured inside.



There was no fee to enter the museum, only a suggested donation posted on the signage at the entry. Inside, approximately 120-130 classic and vintage cars are housed (*or is the correct term, "garaged?"*). It was such a pleasure to meander around and to take in the sights, up close, of those striking vehicles. We were repeatedly surprised at the size of the cars! We even paced it out, to determine if a Lincoln or Cadillac was longer. The Continental that paced out at 19 feet in length was dwarfed by a 21 foot long Cadillac (*Not a true measurement, particularly when paced out by*



*Big Foot!*)

There were also about 8 additional automobiles, sequestered in a locked and glassed-in area, to allow for public viewing, but otherwise not accessible. We somehow managed to talk our way into that section—our last stop on our visit! A friendly employee unlocked the door, escorted us in, and stayed to answer our questions (and certainly to monitor our activities). It was there that I fell in love! In all its glory, was **the** most beautiful



car that I have ever seen! It was a **1936** crème-colored Packard in pristine condition. The attention to detail was unlike anything I have ever seen. It sparkled under the lights. Everything about this car was impeccable—the hood ornament, the beautiful color, shimmering chrome, wide white walls and even a luggage "trunk" on the back. The interior boasted posh crème-colored seats and matching carpeting, a large woodgrain steering wheel and woodgrain trim in various places throughout, rear seat footrests and many other exquisite designer touches too numerous to mention.



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designer touches too numerous to mention. It was a worthwhile and enjoyable visit and frankly we hadn't expected such a quality place. What a great surprise! We'll return someday to revisit all the treasures in the Automobile Driving Museum. It's not a Petersen Auto Museum, nor is it a Nethercutt. Remember, don't judge a book by its cover. This "book" has a marvelous story, told by its classic cars.

<https://www.automobiledrivingmuseum.org/>



## In Memoriam: Diane Long

Our club lost a dear friend with Diane Long's passing in August. While health issues had limited her presence in recent years, she was totally present during the group's early years. A bright red NA was a perfect fit for her talents, personality and mindset. Diane's son Sean noted that, in many ways, her life in the computer industry mirrored that of some of the women pioneers of her time. That influence also guided her children into pursuing highly technical careers.



Baby and me

Diane hosted the club for Scripps Ranch's 4th of July parade for several years. She, my wife Dyanna and I and a few others usually sat at the end of one of those long tables at The Boll Weevil during club meetings; the conversation could range across countless subjects.

One month the topic was the brake system's slave cylinder; perhaps Larry Dennstedt had recommended that service for 93NOIR. Our concern puzzled Diane. "Well, all you have to do is slide under the car, reach up and twist the ..." – and the rest of her detailed directions were beyond me.

My response was something like: "Diane, I had no idea brakes have a slave cylinder." (Made sense to me afterward, there also being a master cylinder as well.) "I don't know where it is and what it looks like, what it does, how to know when it isn't working right, how to fix it and when to know it's fixed."

Diane just looked at me, canting her head slightly in bewilderment. My level of technical expertise must have been below that she could imagine; yet, she remained accepting. And that evening I had discovered one more club member I could go to for technical advice.

Bottom line, this club's membership encompasses a broad range of interests and abilities. And the NA definitely was a simpler, more approachable, machine that many could tinker with; more so than the models that have followed. I hope – especially for our friend Diane Long's sake – that there are Miatas in Heaven. And that they are bright red NAs.

**Diane Long**  
1945-2021

Les Smith



NMC

# / NON MIATA CONTENT

By Les Smith

## The Cataclysmic Breakdown of a Wrong Turn

When computers function separately, they are dumb and they crash one at a time. When they are part of a networked system, one software glitch can break them all at once.

If we use power off the grid, each house creates its own heat. If we benefit from an efficient system of distributed power, a rolling blackout can take them all offline at once.

Networks create significant efficiencies at the same time they produce value that would be impossible without them. And so, relentlessly, we are hooking everything together — even our automobiles, in a sense, during club runs.

If you're out for a leisurely drive in your Miata/MX5/124 and realize you have made a wrong turn, you alone are impacted by the mistake. Turning around is usually an easy task, and soon you are back on your intended course. When you are somewhere amidst the pack of a club run and the leader veers off course, though, the smooth flow of the chain is broken. Chaos can easily reign as we break apart and independently right our errors.

Along the way, it is worth reminding ourselves just how valuable resilience is. The only kind of network breakdowns we notice are the cataclysmic ones. And the benefits of a network — like living in the mindset that SDMC is a driving and eating club — are immediately forgotten when the whole thing breaks. Or, just give it a different spin, like the time group leader Steve Waid made a wrong turn on Engineer Run during a Puke-a-Rama. As the rest of us trailed along behind him, I just imagined he was exploring an unfamiliar road for possible use during the following year's event.

— Adapted from a reflection by Seth Godin



## MANUAL TRANSMISSIONS MAY NOT BE OBSOLETE – YET

*By Jackie Eder-Van Hook*

Edmunds reports that in 2020 only 41 (13 percent) of the 327 new car models sold in the United States offered a manual transmission, continuing a downward trend of 20 percent in 2019, and 37 percent in 2011.

Fewer manufacturers are offering cars with manual transmissions for a variety of reasons:

- ◆ Rapid shifting programmed to consistently maximize gear timing
- ◆ Better fuel efficiency
- ◆ A smoother ride
- ◆ Easier driving in traffic and on hilly terrain
- ◆ Safer handling and control that allows drivers to keep their hands on the wheel
- ◆ Without a clutch, the lifespan of mechanical components is significantly increased
- ◆ Fewer people know how to drive with a manual transmission, limiting resale values and markets

These reasons make a strong case for automatic transmissions.

The first mass produced cars with automatic transmissions began hitting the market in the 1940s and 1950s. According to *Car and Driver*, however, “Mazda did not track-test an automatic Miata until 2006. By 2011, Mazda reported that “manual transmissions still dominated, but more than a third of softtop Miatas (37 percent) and more than half of the retractable-hardtop cars (59 percent) were sold without a clutch pedal.”

Some die-hard drivers, however, believe you are not really driving a sports car unless you are driving a car with a manual transmission. In driving for sport, the driver *needs* maximum control to meet the demands of the road and environment and *wants* maximum control because, well, it is fun. Preferences die hard.

Is there a best of both worlds? Ferrari thinks so.

Enter the paddle shifter aka flappy paddles.

“*The history of the paddle shift*” credits Amedé Bollée with developing a mechanical method to shift up and down four gears without a clutch. Ferrari successfully used a semi-automatic gearbox designed by John Barnard in 1989. The Ferrari 640 Formula One race car allowed drivers to shift gears by manipulating two paddles behind the steering wheel without taking their hands off the wheel and without a clutch. In 1997 the Ferrari 355 was the first production car to use the technique they developed in competition. Other manufacturers followed suit and reduced shifting delays with each new model. Ferrari no longer offers a manual gearbox option in their cars. Paddle shifting has reduced shifting time to less than a tenth of a second.

Paddle shifters allow enthusiasts to have the experience of driving a “stick shift” without the use of a clutch and with the ease of an automatic transmission when desired – all with a minimal decline in power. For example, my car, a 2011 MX-5 Miata Grand Touring is equipped with a 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine that produces 167 horsepower at 7,000 rpm with the manual transmission and 158 hp at 6,700 rpm with the shiftable automatic. Miata offers two identical sets of paddles designed to the shift gears up or down

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for maximum flexibility from the left and right sides of steering wheel. Car and Driver's test of the 2011 Mazda found "The only real difference between manual and the automatic [transmissions] comes at triple-digit speeds, as our manual test car reached a respectable 131 mph, 11 mph faster than the automatic."

Zac Estrada writes, "With paddle shifters, the driver can toggle through all available gears and override the standard programming. That is a bonus when more power is quickly needed." For example, a driver can downshift to slow down rapidly to make a tight corner and have the extra torque to recover quickly without having to change gears manually while manipulating the clutch pedal, the accelerator, and the gear selector lever all at once.

Unless you are regularly running speeds more than 130 mph (and yes, we know who you are), you might want to consider an automatic in your next Miata – besides you just might hate traffic a little less.

Or...As an added bonus, you might just hate traffic.

*Authors' Note: This article was the result of conversations among a group of women drivers about paddle shifters at the club's 2021 Ladies on the Left run. This made me curious to learn more about the use of paddle shifters and performance differences between automatic and manual transmissions. If you want to delve into the history and different types of automatic transmissions (continuously variable transmission, semi-automatic transmission, dual-clutch transmission, or tiptronic transmission), check out the Car and Driver article, "What is an automatic car?" <https://www.caranddriver.com/research/a31884931/what-is-an-automatic-car/>*

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## Another Road Trip Photos

### Visiting the Thing



### The Tail of the Dragon Sign



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*Road Trip Photos*

**Julie Thompson –Where Else? Route 66**



**Julie at Jackrabbit  
Trading Post**



## SDMC Help Wanted:

The club needs a **Webmaster** to maintain the club's web site. Our present **webmaster** would like to retire from the position. He will assist you in the setup and maintenance of the club's website. If you are interested, inquiries should be made to our club president, Terry Thompson. His email address is [julieandterry@cox.net](mailto:julieandterry@cox.net).

## In Memoriam: Linda Doud



We have lost another of our own. Linda Doud was an SDMC member since 2014. At the time of her passing on August 31, 2021, Linda drove a 2016 Launch Edition in Soul Red. Linda was featured in Behind the Wheel (BTW) in the December 2017 edition of Twists and Turns. In that issue, she noted that her nursing career was “the most active part of her life”. She started as a staff nurse, working her way up to Director of Nursing (DON) and Chief Nursing Officer (CNO). She culminated her nursing career working as a staff RN in ER. She also worked as a travel nurse.

SDMC enjoyed her expertise in 2018 when she served as secretary on the board. Linda participated in dozens of SDMC runs and events. She also joined the SDMC Route 66 group in 2016 as they traversed the USA. She followed up in 2018 by joining 12 other adventure seekers in the “Miataland and Beyond” Italy run. She will be missed.



# Events Information

## San Diego Miata Club

### October and November 2021 Events

*By Steve Norris*

**Our in-person Monthly Meeting for October will be at the Hamburger Factory on Thursday October 28<sup>th</sup>.** Come early to get caught up with your friends. Some people will arrive as early as 5:00 PM. The meeting will start promptly at 7:00 PM. Check the calendar for the address.

The **Devil's Highway** run is on **October 1<sup>st</sup> through the 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Several members are going on that. If you aren't able to attend, you should consider doing it next year. It will be announced a couple of months in advance in order to allow you time to plan and make reservations.

The semi-monthly SDMC board meeting will be on **October 7<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 PM. This will be a virtual meeting. An invitation with Zoom link will be sent to the group a few days in advance. Everyone is welcome to join the meeting and observe our board members in action.

On **Saturday October 9<sup>th</sup>**, Richard Taylor will be leading his "magnetics" run to the **Allen's Airways Flying Museum at Gillespie Field**. It will start with breakfast at IHOP in Escondido, take us through **Lake Wohlford Road, Palomar Mountain Road**, and **Mesa Grande Road** as well as some very scenic tamer roads. See the calendar for details.

On **Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup>**, Judy Hunt will be leading a "**Sadie Hawkins Day**" run. It will be her "magnetics" run and will start at the Westfield North County Mall and end with lunch at the Lake Henshaw Café. You might guess by the name of the run, this will be a **Ladies Choice** as to who drives the car. See the calendar for details.

The **Annual SDMC Meeting** will be on **Saturday November 13<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 AM at the San Diego Automobile Museum. Lunch and Cake will be provided. See the calendar for details.

The **November Monthly Meeting** will be on **Wednesday November 17<sup>th</sup>**. Come early to get caught up with your friends. Some people will arrive as early as 5:00 PM. The meeting will start promptly at 7:00 PM. Check the calendar for the address.



**December 5, 2021**

**5 pm—10 pm**



Our Holiday Party will be at Singing Hills Golf Resort (Sycuan) again this year.

It is a fully catered event. If you are planning to attend, please send \$35 per person to our Treasurer, Dave Hunt. You can mail a check to the Resort at the address below with a notation that it is for the Holiday party or use our club Venmo capability noting what the payment is for.

[Click here for instructions on how to send money to SDMC via Venmo](#)

Everyone who sends their money (registers) before the November Annual Meeting will be eligible for a drawing to receive one of the rooms courtesy of Singing Hills Golf Resort.

We have a block of rooms reserved for SDMC at a discounted rate of \$129 per night. Call [\(800\) 457-5568](#) to reserve one of them for yourself if you want to stay the night after the party.

**Singing Hills Golf Resort**  
**3007 Dehesa Road**  
**El Cajon, CA 92019**

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**Announcing Surf 'N' Safari**

**October 2022**

**Details to Follow**



# Membership

By Chris & Linda Jones

October 2021

Welcome to our newest members...

Renard DuBois	La Jolla	2013 Crystal White Pearl Mica
Andrew Szuberla	San Diego	1999 Emerald Mica
Michael Norden	San Diego	2019 Snowflake White Pearl Mica
Terry Kitchen	Poway	2020 Polymetal Gray Metallic
James & Jana Hilliar	Escondido	1991 Crystal White

Our Club's numbers to date:

153 memberships (44 single, 109 dual) for a total of 262 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

### Miata Reunion 2022

Barber Motorsports Park

July 30, 31, 2022

No website at this moment

**Remember**, all the most  
up-to-date and complete  
information for our events is

**on our website** at

[www.sandiegomiataclub.org](http://www.sandiegomiataclub.org)

Check there regularly for changes  
and additional details!

# SDMC Officers



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**Vice President**



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## E-Mail

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 October 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](mailto: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 Hart October. 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. Special club pricing on RoadsterSports Items only. 858.775.2810. [sales@good-win-racing.com](mailto:sales@good-win-racing.com)

**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](mailto:joe@knobmeister.com) . 303.730.6060.

**Langka Corp.** Guaranteed paint chip and restoration products. 800.945.4532. [www.langka.com](http://www.langka.com) Discount. 30%.

**Rocky's Miatomotive** 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, r

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](http://smartcarcareproducts.com)

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

**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](http://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.

## 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 **Patrick Howard**.

**Team Kia Mazda, 541 N. Johnson Ave., El Cajon, CA 92021; 619-444-7200, DISCOUNTS: 20% off parts and 15% off service at Team KIA Mazda for SDMC members.**

## Other Services

**David Bryan,** your friendly neighborhood REALTOR; Coldwell Banker West Realty. I sell garages with homes! SDMC members who buy or sell a home through me receive a 1 year free home warranty. 619.672.0493. [DavidBreator@cox.net](mailto:DavidBreator@cox.net). DRE#01009295.



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