

The Reward

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Eastern Sierra Run

By Marna Wood

The last weekend of September capped off a whole month of weekend traveling for Tom and me. We started out with the semi-annual Yosemite Run. The following weekend found us back in the Yosemite area when we joined the San Joaquin Valley Miata Club for a ride on the Sugar Pine Railroad. Next came a

Other commitments did not allow us to join the group in Frazier Park Friday morning. Once we finished up our stuff, we headed up north, cruising up Hwy 395 in the gathering dusk. We arrived in Independence just in time to enjoy an absolutely awesome sunset – the red clouds streaming over the

**Looking Down
The Road...**

December
9 Holiday Party

January
13 Annual Meeting
(tentative)



There were no pictures available from the Eastern Sierra run so here's one from the Big Bear run!

SOCALM & SDMC
BIG BEAR RUN

Lunch

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Take Richard To
Julian Run
November 4
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jaunt up to Folsom to join the Sacramento Area Miata Owner's Association (SAMOA) for their Scrabble Scramble. Completing our month we once again joined Dean Rudenauer and our SO-CALM friends, this time exploring the Eastern side of the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

While we have driven Hwy 395 many times, we had never taken the time to explore the surrounding area. Dean had rhapsodized many times over the beauty of the White Mountains, we were off to see for ourselves.

mountains like billowing smoke into the darkening sky.

Tim and Judy Williams arrived shortly after us and the four of us sat on the porch of the Winaduma Hotel enjoying the evening air as we waited for the others to return from dinner. Soon we heard the Miata of Dean and Tassy, followed by Ted and Paulette Bruns, Drew Gainer and Kathy DiMeo, and Ernie and Ronnie Hamer. We visited for a while longer before retiring to our rooms in this quaint historic hotel.

After breakfast in the hotel dining room, we saddled up and headed

north. Our first destination was the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest in the White Mountains. Driving on Hwy 168 back into the canyon is an interesting experience as the adjacent hills get closer and closer, the road becomes narrower, the center line disappears, until suddenly you come around a corner and drive through a hole wide enough for one car that has been blasted through the rock. After that it widens out as it continuous its

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CLUB INFORMATION

SOCALM is a non-profit organization whose primary purpose is to gather for enthusiastic fun and to share information about the Mazda Miata MX-5.

Annual Dues: \$25.00 per year. Check the mailing label on this newsletter. The date at the top is your membership expiration date. If that date has passed, then this is your LAST issue of *The Reward*.

Submissions to *The Reward* should be sent to the club address below. You can also send articles, pictures, and letters via e-mail to editor@socalm.org.

The standard deadline for submissions is the **15th** of the month, but you should always call the Editor-in-Chief to check on last minute submissions.

Submissions may be edited for content or length.

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SOCALM Library

Some of the members may not be aware that SOCALM has a library. There are several reference items available to members for their use. We have factory repair manuals for model years 1990, 91, and 92. An enthusiast manual for the early (1600cc) cars, along with suggested repair times manuals for 1995 cars.

If you are thinking of planning a run, but are a little reluctant because you've never done it before, there is an excellent manual available to walk you through the process. Back issues of Miata Magazine to Winter of 1992 are available.

We have a full set of past issues of *The Reward*, thanks to Bill Strohm who donated his collection.

There are also some items that may be helpful, such as 2 portable CB radios for use on runs. A G-Tech meter for measuring acceleration, horsepower and cornering G's. A trunk-mounted luggage rack is available to use on a long trip.

These items are here for the use of any SOCALM member in good standing. Just contact club librarian Bill Bryant at (909) 595-1974 or librarian@socalm.org to make arrangements.

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or email

marla.vogele227@dolphin.csuci.edu



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RENEWALS DUE

The following Memberships are up for renewal in **November**. Send in your dues today. Mail them to SOCALM, 2694 E. Garvey Ave So. #36, West Covina, CA 91791. If you have already sent in your dues – Thank You!

Denise Ambrosio	Pasadena	2000 Brilliant Black
Mike & Rita Clewell	Riverside	2001 Pure White
George Darby	Anaheim	2001 Crystal Blue
Melissa Eberhardt	Studio City	1990 Crystal White
Stan & Leticia Gorgura	Laguna Niguel	2001 Sunlight Silver
Carlton Joseph	Costa Mesa	2006 Brilliant Black
Mike & Joellen Keyes	Lake Elsinore	2004 Velocity Red
Roger & Dottie Lee	Thousand Oaks	2001 BRG
Spencer Lynn	Walnut	1994 Laguna Blue
Jackie Morris	Lake Forest	2004 Velocity Red
James Neforos	Long Beach	1993 Crystal White
Christine Samusick	Simi Valley	1990 Crystal White
Jay & Sherry Sato	Irvine	1994 Brilliant Black
Donna Sinkway & Stan Fry	Riverside	1994 Brilliant Black
Gene Whitaker & Wayne Michal	Long Beach	2001 Midnight Blue

The following memberships were up for renewal in **October**. If you have already sent in you dues – Thank You! If you haven't, please renew as soon as possible.

Peter & Monet Bowman	Pasadena	1996 Montego Blue
Melissa & Marc Carlsen	Moorpark	1997 White
Linda & Ralph Gaxiola	Highland	2000 Sunlight Silver
Klaus-Juergen & Ruby Knappe	Placentia	1997 Twilight Blue
Terry & Lynn Lore	Aguanga	2003 Splash Green
Kathryn & Henry Mace	Hermosa Beach	1990 Classic Red
Jaime Villacorte & Jeanne Pandes Villacorte	Irvine	1992 Brilliant Black
Kevin Price & Mary Hutcheson-Price	Riverside	1991 Classic Red
Elliot Shev	San Diego	1994 Laguna Blue
Dave Winder	Camarillo	1991 Classic Red
Daniel Ziliak	Granada Hills	1990 Crystal White

The following Memberships were up for renewal in **September**. We are sorry to say good-bye to these members. We hope to see these memberships reactivated in the near future. We will miss you.

Richard Bonino	Laguna Hills	1991 BRG
Jim Brown	Crestline	1993 Classic Red
Rick & Jackie Burneson	Whittier	1997 Marina Green
Jim & Tang Coates	Simi Valley	1990 Classic Red
Jonathan Cullen	Altadena	2000 Highlight Silver
Sonja & David Fisher	Culver City	1990 Mariner Blue
Dennis & Norma Nelson	Lake Forest	2002 Blazing Yellow
Tom & Dona Thompson	San Clemente	2001 Classic Red
Terry Wyrick	Corona	1997 Brilliant Black

New Members

Robert & Cathy Denise	Canyon Country	2001 Green
Dave & Sharon Etter	Yorba Linda	2006 Silver
Mark & Jamie Kozlevcar	El Segundo	1999 Emerald Mica
Paul LeGrand	Northridge	1999 Classic Red
Dennis McLeroy	Visalia	2004 Velocity Red
Susan Miller	Lakewood	1996 Dark Blue
Dee O'Sullivan	La Habra	1996 White
Cliff Secia	Tarzana	1991 Classic Red

Membership Renewals

Mitch Carter	West Hills	1999 Emerald Mica
Fred & Eileen Dannov	Santa Ana	1999 Highlight Silver
Kevin & Elizabeth Fellows	Chino Hills	2006 Velocity Red
Denis Feria & June Stephens	Long Beach	2002 Blazing Yellow
Bruce Garley	San Juan Capistrano	2003 Blue
Krista Grace	Goleta	2002 Crystal Blue
Benny & Carole Goldstein	Canyon Country	1991 Zinc Yellow
Lynda Lo-Hill & Anthony Lo	Calabasas	2006 Velocity Red
David Low	Los Angeles	1996 Starlight Mica
George Sessions	Goleta	1997 Montego Blue
Jay & Deb Simon	Mission Viejo	1999 Sapphire Blue
Michael Sleeman	Ontario	2001 Classic Red
Norm & Delores Stevens	San Dimas	1997 Twilight Blue

Financial Report

Snapshot View As of August 31, 2006

Balance as of 7/31/2006	\$6,218.93
Revenue / Deposits:	
Dues – Renewal	\$200.00
Dues - New	150.00
Name Badges	20.00
Total Revenue / Deposits:	370.00
Expenses:	
Reward Printing	\$(213.35)
Reward Postage	(56.16)
Host Reimbursement	(8.88)
Name Badges	(44.79)
Total Expenses:	(323.18)
Ending Balance as of 7/31/2006	\$6,265.75

Editor's note: updated financials were not available

Membership Statistics

Memberships	276	People	420
Single	132	Cars	302
Dual	144		

Birthdays

11/01	Melissa Eberhardt	11/17	Donald Armstrong
11/03	Dennis Little	11/18	Art Hamilton
	James Ward		David Hetrick
	Linda Gaxiola	11/19	Sheldon Roth
11/04	Christine Samusick	11/21	Debby Kephart
11/05	Jeff Nowell		David Fisher
	Ken Schmader	11/22	Michael Dunnigan
	Bruce Potter	11/23	Ernie Hamor
	Allan Behar	11/25	Kim Olivas
11/06	Jackie Burneson	11/27	Michele LeGrand
11/07	Sheila Mann	11/28	George Sessions
11/11	Jim Gonzalez		Jeff Ridenour
	David Rasmussen	11/30	Susan K. Farris
11/12	Klaus-Juergen Knappe		Bill Nelson
11/15	Cathy Denise		
	Ronald Smith		

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Miata Vacation

By Bob Davis

As Juli and I are headed out this afternoon on a 4500 – 5000 mile Miata vacation (with Jeff and Karen Ridenour) through Cedar Breaks National Monument, Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Capitol Reef National park, Yellowstone, the Tetons, and on to the Backroads to Bavaria event the first weekend in October in Leavenworth, WA, I am having enough trouble on focusing on the



things needed to be done at work, let alone this article.

So, I'm going to take a "vacation" from writing this month's message and I suggest that you use the time that you would have taken to read my article to plan a Miata drive of your own!!!!!!

Inland Empire

Date: Thursday, November 16
Time: 7:00pm
Place: Red Brick Pizza Cafe
5244 University Pkwy Suite H
San Bernardino
909.473.7777
Host: Donna Nelson
909.987.3584
909.935.6969 C
inlandempire@socalm.org

Description: Here's an opportunity to enjoy some great pizza and support a fellow member of Socalm. David Rasmussen recently opened this new business and is offering a 20% discount for our social. So, come on out and have a nice evening. They also have fresh chopped salads, gelato, etc... Hope to see you there.

Directions: This is located near Cal State San Bernardino on University Pkwy at Kendall. You can take the 210 E to the I-15 N to the 215 S and exit at University Pkwy.

Los Angeles

Host: Dave Woolery
losangeles@socalm.org
Description: Dave's "social" is the Drag Nite at Irwindale on Thursday, November 9th.

North & South Orange County

Date: Wednesday, November 8
Time: 7:00pm
Place: Pat & Oscars
Tustin Marketplace
Jamboree & West Dr., Tustin
714.505.6070
Host: Lee & Pat Ruecker
949.837.2570
949.230.2786 C Lee
southoc@socalm.org
Brian Bousman

714.717.6891 C
northoc@socalm.org

Description: Pat & Oscar's is a family style quick service restaurant featuring pizza, pasta, ribs, chicken, salads, and breadsticks.

Directions: located in the Tustin Marketplace at Jamboree and West Drive right next to the theater.

San Gabriel Valley

Date: Tuesday, November 14
Time: 7:00pm
Place: Matteo's Pizzeria
714 E Foothill Blvd
San Dimas
Host: Paulette & Ted Bruns
sgvalley@socalm.org
Please RSVP, since the seating is limited and we would hate to have anyone wait

Description: An Italian feast you will enjoy. The pizza is great and there is a selection of pasta dishes. If you want a salad the Antipasto is the best to be found. This from a small Italian Pizzeria in San Dimas called Matteo's. Yes, there is a Matteo and he does all the cooking.

Directions: Take the 210 freeway to Foothill Blvd, exit Foothill and go west on Foothill the Pizzeria is located on the south side of the street in the San Dimas Plaza (a small L-shape shopping center). There is a horse supply business, a karate studio, and a liquor store in the shopping center. Matteo's is located between the cleaners and the liquor store in the corner of the L-shaped shopping center.

South Bay

Date: Wednesday, November 15
Time: 7:00pm
Place: Belmont Brewing Company
25 39th Place
Long Beach, 562.433.3891
Host: Bud and Lisa Martin

562.233.1272 C
southbay@socalm.com

Description: Great food, great spirits (if you know what I mean) Lots of fun people. Seating outside but they have a huge fire pit and lots of heat lamps and blankets etc. We've been there before and they are very nice to us. The parking is great.

Directions: A huge lot right off Ocean and Termino drops you almost in the ocean. But to your right after entering the lot you'll see The BBC.

Valley

Host: Jim Killian
818.362.7546
818.472.5970 C
valley@socalm.org

Description: Check the web site at www.socalm.org for the latest information about this event.

Ventura County

Host: Hal and Terry
805.495.3446
805.657.8252 (C)
ventura@socalm.org

Description: Check the web site at www.socalm.org for the latest information about this event.

Terry takes to the Streets of Willow in her new toy!



UPCOMING EVENTS

"Take Richard To Julian" Run

Date: Saturday, November 4
Time: Driver's Meeting – 8:55am
Departure – 9:00 am
Place: Orange County Health Services
Hosts: Bob & Juli Davis
rmdavis2002@yahoo.com
909.597.1664

Description: We recently discovered that, although he has lived in So. California for quite some time, one of our member couples, Richard and Rose Tribble have never been to Julian. So, to correct that situation, we have developed a nice day's outing to Julian. We will be using the starting point frequently used by Zack for his infamous "Hangover Runs," proceed across Ortega Hwy, drive some great roads west of Murietta and Temecula, and, then, equally great roads on the east side of I-15, ultimately ending in Julian for a late lunch (2:00pm?) The total route is approximately 154 miles and we will be searching for pit stops along the way. Be prepared for a FULL day of Miata fun!!

Directions: Exit I-5 at Ortega Hwy (Rt 74) and head inland. Go 0.2 miles and turn right at the light onto Rancho Viejo. At the dead end/light, turn left onto Calle Arroyo. Go another 0.2 miles and turn right into the parking lot of Orange County Health Services. If you encounter a stop sign, you've gone too far. The parking lot extends quite a distance to your right.

A Night at the Drag Races (Los Angeles Social)

Date: Thursday, November 9
Time: 4:00pm - 10:00pm
Place: Irwindale Speedway
13300 East Live Oak Avenue, Irwindale
Host: David Woolery
562.947.5355
Cost: \$20 to participate, \$10 to spectate

Description: Ever been interested to take your Miata to the drag strip? Ever wanted to just watch street cars doing the drag race thing? If so, come on out to the Los Angeles Area November Social at Irwindale Speedway. Every Thursday Night, Irwindale Speedway hosts the Thursday Nite TNT (Test-N-Tune) drags, which are open to any street legal car. That's right, YOU can take your Miata onto the strip and see what it can do in the 1/8 mile!

It's a pretty active scene with hundreds of cars and thousands of spectators coming out every Thursday to see what's gonna run the strip.

It's a great place to socialize and just watch the races, too! If you want to participate, please bring \$20 and be prepared to have your vehicle tech inspected for safety. If you just want to watch, bring \$10 for admission.

Lobster Socials Are Back!

Date: Friday, November 10
Also Friday, December 8th
Time: 7:00pm
Place: Malarkey's Irish Pub
3011 Newport Blvd.

Newport Beach, 949.675.2340
Host: Kathie McClelland
562.947.5355
RSVP: 949.644.1327 or myfunmiata@sbcglobal.net

Description: Please join your fellow Miata Club members and start the weekend off right! This was very popular last year and many members have been eagerly awaiting the return of the FUN Lobster Socials on Fridays from now through March (or when the season ends). We will meet on the 2nd Friday each month. There will also be a few "Impromptu Lobster Socials" so check your email for announcements.

MENU: Malarkey's will be featuring Lobster Dinners served with fresh steamed veggies for \$20 with rice or \$21 with baked potato. You can add a small dinner salad or a cup of clam chowder for \$3.50 more. They also feature, a New York Steak dinner for \$10.95, Chicken dinner or Fish & Chips for \$8.95, Irish Stew, a "Taco Potato" or Beef Dip sandwich for \$6.95 they also have super yummy Hot Wings (dry, not soaked in sauce) & nachos and a menu secret is "Cannery Style Chicken Strips" with a Honey/Mustard/Curry Sauce. Sadly, there is no desert but they do have some tasty adult beverages.

Directions: Take any freeway to the 55 south toward the beach. The 55 freeway ends at 19th Street & Newport Blvd. Continue straight on Newport Blvd. Cross over PCH (you'll be above it). When you come to 32nd Street & Newport Blvd., you'll pass the City Hall on your left and then see a Carl's Jr./Albertson's Center on the right. Turn RIGHT into the first driveway immediately past the Carls Jr. and park. If you cannot find a spot there, try the public lot on the right just past Malarkey's on 31st Street & Newport Blvd.

RSVP: Very important! Also need to know if you are ordering lobster or not.

The Wishbone Run

Date: Friday, November 24
Time: 10:00am
Place: tbd
Hosts: Dean & Tassy Rudenauer
626.967.0825, 636.905.2825 (C)

Description: It's the day after Turkey day and it's time to drive off a few of those extra calories we all consumed yesterday! Come on out to Covina and enjoy some twisty roads and scenic views that I've put together just for you.

We'll start in Covina at (location TBD) and cruise the hills before having lunch at a favorite restaurant of mine, the Brass Ring at the Sheraton Fairplex. After that, everybody will go their separate ways to enjoy the rest of their weekend, or maybe, we'll drive some more, who knows...

Anyway, this is the eighth and (I think) the final driving event that I have planned for this year, so I hope you'll all come out and have some mid-holiday fun with us!

Holiday Party

Date: Saturday, December 9
Place: TBD
Hosts: Francie & Paul Pollack

CLUB RESOURCES

DEALERS

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Phone: 310.393.9881

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twisting roller-coaster route through the canyon. Soon we approach our turn and start the long climb up to the 10,000 foot level and the Schulman Visitor Center. It is very desolate up at this level but the Bristlecone Pine has developed unique characteristics that not only allow it to survive but to thrive in this inhospitable environment.

We stayed around long enough to view an interesting film about these fascinating trees and then it was time to head back down the mountain.

Reaching Hwy 168 again, we turned east for some more exploring. Within a few miles, the road straightened out as we reach Deep Springs Valley, a beautiful oval valley completely isolated by the surrounding hills. Traversing over the hills on the north-east end of the valley, we entered Fish Lake Valley. The undulating road through this valley took us briefly into Nevada. Having been on the road quite a while by the time we got back to California, we stopped in Benton Springs for a much needed rest stop.

Back on the road, we continued west toward Mono Lake. Having only seen the lake from the western shore, we were unprepared for the forest above the lake to the east. By the time we got to Lee Vining, we were all ready for a late lunch at Mike Bodie's BBQ. Drew and Kathy were having car trouble so they headed back to the hotel while the rest of us continued north to Bodie. Except for the last three miles, it is a pleasant road with gentle curves, but I

don't recommend those last three miles if your car is lowered. The dirt road has a washboard texture with lots of rocks sticking out. Bodie, however is a true gem for the history buff. Only a fraction of the original buildings are still standing but you can still get a true sense of what it was like for the hearty souls that called these hills home.

Because of the lateness of the day, we only had an hour to explore before we had to head back to the hotel where dinner was waiting for us. Joining us at the hotel for dinner was Bill and Leta Schulz, SOCALM members from Ridgecrest.

Sunday morning, after another hot breakfast in the hotel dining room, it was time to head home. Not wanting to just take Hwy 395, we wound our way on other roads, touching the edge of Death Valley as we worked our way through Trona. (If you read the LA Times, this mining town was recently featured.) Joining back with Hwy 395 briefly in Johannesburg, we found ourselves in the living ghost town of Ransburg. A popular spot for the motorcycle community, we were able to get a table for lunch at the historic general store before the place became packed with off-roaders. As we were leaving, the Williams and Gainors arrived. They had stayed in Independence to repair Drew's car. Since we were getting closer to home, Tom and I broke off from the group while Dean lead others home via Angeles Crest Highway.

We want to thank Dean for a great weekend. We really enjoyed the accommodations and exploring new sites.

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