

The Reward

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Driving Matters

Sixteen, wide eyes.
 Drivers license, took two tries.
 First drive, fast livin'.
 Hit the garage door, was forgiven.
 Bought a roadster, second hand.
 Playing parties with the band!
 Showing off on the strip!
 End of summer road trip.
 Late for curfew.
 Speeding ticket in Kalamazoo.
 Loaded up, off to State!
 Hijinx!
 Tailgates!
 Late night, big skies.
 A passenger with green eyes.
 Starter.
 Mid sized.
 Family cruzin'.
 A sing-along of her choosin'.
 Now in the garage, something new...
 Reminds you of when you were you...
 Driving Matters, compliments of MAZDA USA

 I need more power
 Where is that rattle coming from?
 No, I am not gay

 – Miata Haiku
 Unknown



Looking Down The Road...

April

9 - Pauma Valley Run
 16 - Tax Tech Day
 24 - Wild Flowers Run
 29-30 - SJVMC Poker Run

May

20-22 - May Miata Madness

June

22-26 - Miatas in Utah VII

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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, due annually on June 1st. The membership of any new member(s) who join(s) during the 6 month period from June 1st through November 30th will expire as of the following June 1st. The membership of any new member(s) who join(s) during the 6 month period from December 1st through May 31st will expire as of June 1st of the subsequent year (12-18 months later).

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. Submissions may be edited for content or length. The standard deadline for submissions is the **15th** of the month, but please email the Editor to check on last minute submissions. *The Reward*, its contributors, and SOCALM assume no liability for the accuracy or legality of any information appearing herein.

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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 long trips.

* These items are here for the use of any SOCALM member in good *
* standing. Just contact the club librarian at librarian@socalm.org to make *
* arrangements if you wish to borrow items you need. Remember to *
* always promptly return any items that you have borrowed. *
* Gary Nelson, Club Librarian, tel: 909.935.6969 *
* Email: librarian@socalm.org *

Join This Group!



Stay in touch electronically with your Socalm friends through the club's Yahoo Group. Go to <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/socalm/> and click the "Join This Group!" button. The group averages less than five emails a day so it won't be a burden on your inbox.



A place to find something to do with your Miata and Friends. Seek new adventures and places to Drive and Share.

Serving our Miata friends since 2/22/2002. 12 Years old!
Lets all look forward for another Great year of events for all our Miata friends! <http://miatafun.net/>

Tom Wood
Vendor Coordinator
& CafePress



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TomWood@miatafun.net

SOCALM Merchandise
New SOCALM Café Press Merchandise is available!!

Support your club and decorate you, your house and your car!
CafePress

<http://cafepress.com/socalm>

Membership

Birthdays

04/01 Ross McIntosh	04/23 John B. Conn
04/04 Lea Susanto	04/23 Sarah Schulz
04/05 Bob Negru	04/25 Debra Nasholm
04/09 Jon Margrave	
04/11 Elliot Shev	
04/12 Phyllis Murray	
04/13 Liz Murry	
04/13 Janet Whatley	
04/14 Sonja Fisher	
04/15 Jamie Borst	
04/16 Ann Filsinger	
04/17 Matt Goral	
04/18 Margie Brunsell	
04/18 Mark Curran	

Membership Statistics

Memberships: 182

Single	90
Dual	92
People	274
Cars	194

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Anthony Flores
 Michael Friedson
 Deidra Jenkins
 Toby Lamuraglia
 Dennis Scully

San Bernardino
 Aliso Viejo
 Rancho Santa Margarita
 Las Vegas
 Mission Viejo

1995 Brilliant Black
 2014 Dolphin Grey
 2007 Copper Red
 1994 Classic Red
 1991 Crystal White

THANKS TO OUR RENEWALS!

David Pelsue
 Andrew & Barbara Rybak

Corona
 Redlands

1994 Laguna Blue
 2008 True Red

MEMBERSHIP – ANNUAL DUES

SOCALM's Annual Dues are due June 1, 2016 unless you joined between December 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016, then your membership will expire June 1, 2017. A good way to make sure is check your Membership Card or go online to www.socalm.org and check your profile on the membership list.

You may use PayPal@socalm.org to join or renew, or just send a check via snail mail. Please fill out the application and proceed to payment info and hit submit. Either way please fill out an application, (as it gives more information for the database), to be sent via email to membership@socalm.org or snail mail to:

ONLY \$25 per year!!

renewed annually June 1st

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Tax Tech Day & Club Financials

Tax Tech Day

The seventh of a series - it all started in 2009 - Francie and Paul Pollock will hold a Tech Day at their home in Northridge.

What to do?

Tech Days are open to all sorts of Miata projects:

Brake / Clutch bleeding

Washing / Waxing / Detailing

Audio Upgrades

Accessory Installation

Oil Changes

Great advice from fellow Miata folks!

Windshield replacement and dent removal people will be here. If you'll be needing either service, let us know so we can accommodate everyone.

FROM LA PREZ...

FIRST QUARTER BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD DURING THE FESTIVITIES AROUND 2PM? Anyone who wants to join in (besides the exec board) feel free... my first time calling, should be entertaining at the very least! Lol!

Hosted By: Paul & Francine Pollock
When: 4/16/16
Where: 18757 Merridy St, Northridge

Socalm *Financial Report* February 2016

Beginning Balance, as of Feb 1, 2016 \$3315.62

Revenue / Deposits:

Dues - Renewal	25.00
Dues - New	125.00
Name Badges	60.00
Miscellaneous	1.60

Total Revenue:	211.60

Expenses:

Reward Postage	(74.55)
Treasurer Supplies	(9.80)
Membership Supplies	(74.57)

Total Expenses	(158.92)

Ending Balance, as of February 29 \$3368.30

April Socials

Santa Clarita Social

Date: April 11, 2016
Time: 7:00pm
Place: Mom Can Cook
18358 Soledad Canyon
Canyon Country
Hosts: Benny & Carole Goldstein
661-993-3390 C
bennygol@earthlink.net

Description: Join us at the MOM CAN COOK Thai Kitchen. A great Family Owned and Operated restaurant.

Large portions and Reasonable prices.

Let us know (if you can) that you are coming, and we'll hold a place for you.

Inland Empire

Date: April 21, 2016
Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Place: Flo's Airport Cafe
7000 Merrill Ave #8
Chino
Hosts: Ross & Patti McIntosh
909-882-3464

Description: We liked Flo's Airport Café last year. Let's go back! It's located at the Chino Airport.

Hope to see you there!

North Orange County

Date: April 14, 2016
Time: 6:00pm
Place: El Amerikano
100 S Harbor Blvd. Ste D
Fullerton
Hosts: Bob & Jeri Negru
714-692-1498

Description: Its not Mexican. Its not American. What is it? I'll leave that decision up to you. Really good food the way we like it. Our doctor recommended it about a year ago and Jeri and I tried it. Now we are going to share it with you. About 1 and 1/2 years ago AAA magazine gave the restaurant a good write up. Hope to see all of you there.

San Fernando Valley

Date: April 22, 2016
Time: 6:30pm - 9:00pm
Place: La Paz Mexican Restaurant
4505 Las Virgenes Rd
Calabasas
Hosts: John Barreiro
unusualdesltd@verizon.net

Description: DUE TO TECH DAY ON 4/16 I'M MOVING THE SOCIAL TO THE FOLLOWING FRIDAY

Those of you that attended last fall's Moonlight Cruise will remember dinner at La Paz. Except for a slight miscommunication [the staff thought we had all night to be there] the dinner was excellent. Please RSVP.

Ventura Social

Date: April 1, 2016
Time: 6:00pm
Place: Dave & Judy Payn's Home
31 Sun Circle Ct
Simi Valley
Hosts: Mike & Joanne Markowitz
818-648-0933 C
n6xrf@sbcglobal.net

Description: This month we are doing something different

Dave and Judy have requested to have the social at their home, They will provide Pizza and are asking guests to bring a side dish or desert for 6 or 8 people.

RSVP to to Dave, at his email:
djpayn@sbcglobal.net

South Orange County

Date: April 6, 2016
Time: 6:30pm
Place: Woody's Diner
Ave De La Carlota
Laguna Hills
Host: Ed Grant
949-315-9023

Description: April is Tax Month, so let's all get together to whine about how much it costs to live here in the good ol USA. Please RSVP

South Bay Social

Date: April 18, 2016
Time: 6:30pm
Place: Canton Low
439 Main Street
El Segundo
Host: Mark Kozlevcar
kozlevcar@earthlink.net
310-227-1064

Description: This restaurant has been a fixture in El Segundo since 1975. Just your basic fantastic Chinese Food. This has been a SoCALM favorite for a few years now.

SGV Social

Date: April 5, 2016
Time: 6:30pm
Place: Legend's Classic Diner
1155 E. Route 66
Glendora
Hosts: Bob & Juli Davis
909-374-3998

Description: We ALWAYS enjoy Legend's Diner!!

Tax Tech Day

Date: April 16, 2016
Time: 10:00am
Place: Paul & Francine Pollock
18757 Merridy St
Northridge
Hosts: Paul & Francine Pollock
818-576-9864

Description: The seventh of a series - it all started in 2009 - Francine and Paul Pollock will hold a Tech Day at their home in Northridge.

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Key Note Article (concl'd) & SJVMC Poker Run

What can fit in a Miata trunk?
A whole lot of nothing or a whole lot of junk?
I opened it one day to find my left shoe
I opened it up and out of it did flew:
a small rubber donut, that should be my spare.
but for some reason this one did not have any air.
A christmas present left over from last year I think
And an easter egg striped blue, purple, yellow and pink.
Some leftover take-out, a bit too old to share.
And a rare curly lock of Yul Brynners hair!
I continue to pull out some amazing things.
a basket of peaches and 3 diamond rings.
Jimmy Hoffa crawled out and he thanked me profusely
Then a litter of puppies who looked about confusedly.
One and a half crocodiles, I pulled out with care.
A bazooka and ammo I'd forgot I'd put there.
Four chickens, some panties (I don't know who from).
A bottle of Vodka and 3 sticks of gum.
I continued to pull, yank, toss out and throw.
But where was my left shoe? Where did it go?
I began to remember, my shoe, where I put.
I look down and see...that my shoe's on my foot!

-El "Cool-Daddy Beatnik" Fez (MIATA.NET)
(c) 2004

San Joaquin Valley Miata Club Poker Run

APRIL 29 & 30, 2016
CRUISING THE FRESNO AREA AND SIERRA FOOTHILLS

Friday, April 29, 5:00 p.m.

HOSPITALITY ROOM
Pre-register and enjoy hors d'oeuvres & Clay Bar Raffle

Spring Hill Suites
6820 N Fresno St
SE Corner Herndon & Fresno St

Saturday, April 30 Car show 8:00 a.m.
Poker run begins 9:00
DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION 6:00 p.m.
Copper River
2140 E. Clubhouse Dr.

CHARITY RUN PROCEEDS BENEFIT

RESCUE THE CHILDREN

REGISTRATION FEE \$55.00

QUESTIONS? Contact Tom Jarvis (559)916-2445
kg6kyu@comcast.net

May Miata Madness

Apparently, many Miataphiles have enjoyed the 2014 Winter Retreat and the 2015 Spring Fling and, thus, I've been strongly encouraged to host the 2016 May Miata Madness.

This will be a 3 day weekend event (Friday, May 20th thru Sunday, May 22nd) and our base will again be the Embassy Suites in Lompoc. These are 2 room suites and the hotel offers complimentary beverage & snack reception as well as cooked-to-order breakfasts. The lobby area is quite nice and they have a beautiful outdoor atrium and pool area (could well be used in May!). We will have the complete use of the breakfast/meeting room areas for our late evening ukulele sessions, trivia contests, Mexican Train, and relaxing conversations.

I have blocked 50 rooms with a deadline of May 6th..... Please see the calendar for hotel link.

Hotel: Embassy Suites Hotel Lompoc-Central Coast

Group Name: Miata Club

Arrival Date: 20-May-2016

Departure Date: 22-May-2016

If you prefer to call the hotel directly (805-735-8311), please identify yourself as part of the 'Miata Club' to get the group rate (\$119.00/night). If you wish to stay at a less expensive place, there are several hotels within 5 minutes drive.

There are NUMEROUS things to do in the Lompoc area.....create your own winery tour, view the Lompoc valley flower fields, sightsee (shop) in Solvang, Los Olivos, Santa Maria, or Santa Barbara, tour the local mission, take your chances at Chumash Casino, or simply lounge around the pool and visit with friends, old and new.

For those who would like to caravan to Lompoc on Friday, I will depart from the Old Spaghetti Factory in Duarte (Buena Vista exit off of I-210) at 9:30am. There is a gas station and a Carl's Jr. nearby for restrooms, gas, etc. Of course I hope to find some twisties.

There are no specific plans for dinner, etc. for Friday evening, but there are several nice restaurants in the Lompoc-Buellton area. We will likely gather in the breakfast/meeting rooms later that evening for lively conversations, etc.

For those who would like to go on a drive on Saturday, I am preparing a counter-clockwise route around Buellton/Solvang, with a pit stop at the Fess Parker Winery, and returning to the Lompoc/Buellton area for a late lunch on your own and a relaxing afternoon by the pool. There will be a driver's meeting at 9:15am, in the front parking lot, and we'll depart at 9:30am.

I have, again, arranged for a group dinner on Saturday at AJ Spur's in Buellton (350 E. Hwy 246) at 5:30pm. I am assuming that everyone that's registered will attend, unless I receive an email (rmdavis2002@yahoo.com) telling me differently. They will seat us in groups of 4-10 as we arrive at the hostess station and our group will be concentrated in 2-3 dining areas. Afterwards, we'll gather again in the breakfast/meeting room area for games, music, conversation, etc.

There are no specific plans for Sunday. We can discuss on Saturday evening and I'm certain there will be a few interesting drives home available.

Please let other Miata clubs and/or your Miata friends throughout the state know that this is a WIDE OPEN EVENT.....everyone is welcome!

And, the ONLY thing that you HAVE to do is ENJOY YOURSELF!

Hosted By: Bob Davis @ rmdavis2002@yahoo.com

Events/Runs & Yosemite Retreat

Pauma Valley Run

This event begins at the Lazy H Ranch Motel in Pauma Valley for the 09:00 driver's meeting. I plan to leave at 09:15. These roads are fantastic! This will be a casual meandering run from there to Banning.

Alas, there will not be a Lions Club Poker Run this year, so those of you who have been avoiding this event because of that can rest assured that no other entity will be asking for money in order for you to participate in their previous event.

Other hotels available in the area include Harrah's Rincon Casino and the Pala Casino. From Pauma Valley, I plan to head toward Julian, through Borrego Springs, over to Anza, and then to Idyllwild before ending the run in Banning. This will be a full day of driving! Lunch will be at County Line BBQ in Warner Springs. This restaurant has unusual meat selections to go along with the usual ones.

The run will end in Banning at about 3:00 P.M. I plan to stop at Gramma's Country Kitchen for dessert.

Hosted By: Mark Kozlevcar

Date: 4/9/16 @ 9:00am

Where: Lazy H Motel Parking Lot @ 16787 Highway 76, Pauma Valley

Yosemite Retreat

September 15 - 18, 2016

Maybe you've driven through Yosemite but not spent time there or want to spend more time there. Here's your chance.

This is a retreat. You can join us for as much time as you'd like and do whatever you want. Explore Yosemite on your own, visit galleries and shops in Oakhurst and Coarsegold, and/or participate in organized runs.

A Friday run will be organized and announced. On Saturday we will drive over Tioga Pass, have lunch at the Whoa Nellie Deli, spend time at the South Tufa at Mono Lake, and return to Oakhurst for dinner.

Our base hotel is the Best Western Yosemite Gateway Inn in Oakhurst. We have a block of rooms on hold under "Miata Club" at \$145/night plus taxes for a double queen, checking in on 9/15 and checking out on 9/18. Please make your reservation directly at (559) 683-2378 before August 15.

We will put together group dinners once we have a count for each evening. Please RSVP to us at lisa.asperger@gmail.com.

Don & Lisa Asperger

Keynote Photos



Miata-Elan

Miatallac



Miata-Camino



Miata-mater



Miata 4-door



Miata 4x4



****HAPPY APRIL FOOLS EVERYONE!****

April

1	F	Ventura Social
2	Sa	
3	Su	
4	M	
5	T	SGV Social
6	W	South OC Social
7	Th	
8	F	
9	Sa	Pauma Valley Run
10	Su	
11	M	Santa Clarita Social
12	T	
13	W	
14	Th	North OC Social
15	F	
16	Sa	Tax Tech Day
17	Su	
18	M	South Bay Social
19	T	
20	W	
21	Th	Inland Empire Social
22	F	SFV Social
23	Sa	
24	Su	Wild Flowers Run
25	M	
26	T	
27	W	
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