



MiataTudes

The Monthly Newsletter of the Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association—Volume 16—Number 11

Board of Officers

President
Robin George
robin@winfirst.com

Vice-President
Mike DeLaurentis
mdelaurentis@hotmail.com

Secretary
Fran Rowell
franrowell@aol.com

Treasurer
Bob Carlson
bobcarlson711@hotmail.com

Events Coordinator
Ron Petrich
freescopesdad@yahoo.com

Technical Director
Jack Parker
culdad@svics.com

Media Director
Ron Petrich
freescopesdad@yahoo.com

Membership
Jeanne George
Jeanne@winfirst.com

Community Outreach
Rod Gonzalez
rodnoid@sbcglobal.net

Webmaster
Hugo Schmidt
hugoschmidt@yahoo.com



November, 2006



Happy Birthday To Us!!!



It's never foggy in Ft. Bragg

SAMOA
PO Box 392
Orangevale, CA
95662

www.samo.org

SAMOA is a 501(c)(7) non-profit corporation organized in the State of California for the benefit of its membership. SAMOA Membership dues are \$24 for 12 months and include 12 issues of MiataTudes and one email account. Applications and checks should be mailed to SAMOA, PO Box 392, Orangevale, CA 95662.

November Skedg

November 4th. Yuba Wine Festival... November 7th. Election Day - Don't Forget To Vote... November 9th. SAMOA Monthly Meeting... November 11th. Sixth Annual SAMOA Teddy Bear Run... November 19th. Fifth Annual SAMOA Chili Cookoff...



A Road Less Traveled

By Mike Delaurentis

We've been through Iowa Hill once or twice before but recently, while out for a drive in search of Fall colors, found a really nice route. We drove through Foresthill then headed toward Iowa Hill on Road 10 (not sure if it is a county or state road) which becomes Iowa Hill Road and takes you all the way to I-80. There were a number of road name changes along the way and we back tracked a little but the road was decent, traffic almost non-existent and plenty of twists and turns. Here are a few observations of this Road Less Traveled.

The road meandered up, down and around the Sierra foothills and for most of the time was covered in a canopy of overhanging pines and redwoods. We never tire of smelling fresh pines and seeing sunlight streaking through the boughs. The road is fairly well paved and about 1 1/2 lanes wide but fortunately there isn't much traffic so the road is wide enough. We came across a few pickup trucks and RVs who took their lane leaving us to the remaining 1/2 so you do have to be a little cautious. Along the way we stopped at the Sugar Pine Reservoir, a very peaceful looking body of water, which was totally empty except for two kayakers.

A short time later we came across Iowa Hill and the aptly named Iowa Hill General Store Bar and Grill. The white "No Smoking" sign above the door is yellowed from all of the smoke and that tells you a little about the independent folks who live in Iowa Hill. Iowa Hill is an old gold mining town that burned down several times but kept rebuilding itself. Some of the better T-shirt slogans worn by store patrons were: "Not Wearing Underwear" and "Don't Bug Me". Due an aversion to smoky bars we sat out on the front porch with some Harley riders and had a drink. Our Miata looked way out of place among the rusted, dented pickups out front and I was thinking that more than one of their drivers thought about how much fun it would be to four wheel over it.

After that pit stop we kept heading North until we reached I-80. We took the frontage road, Canon Way, hoping to take it all the way back to Auburn but it only went so far so we finished up the drive on I-80.

All-in-all a nice drive for a Sunday afternoon and I recommend it highly. There weren't a lot of bio-breaks along the way so unless you don't mind watering the trees I don't suggest doing this after drinking several cups of coffee. Having returned and looking at the map to see where we traveled we'll think about making a run out of this for next year.

Want Ads

FOR SALE - 1991 Mazda Miata, Special Edition -British Racing Green, original owner, 84,000 miles, 5 speed, excellent condition, new Robbins top, ABS, AC, new AM/FM/CD player. Asking \$9400.00. Serious inquiries only. Call Bob Shank at 916-204-5168 or email at bbubba@comcast.net. (3)

FOR SALE - Serious Auto CD Caddy. This single-din in-dash device holds 4 CD's. It fits in the empty slot above or below the factory radio slot. Like-new condition. Black. \$25.00. Contact Ron Petrich (916) 454-1008 or freescopesdad@comcast.net. (3)

FOR SALE - Flyin' Miata 99-05 single exit sport muffler. Like-new condition - only used for 5,000 miles and none in the past 4 years. \$150.00. (FM currently sells them new for \$378.00). Contact Ron Petrich (916) 454-1008 or freescopesdad@comcast.net. (3)

FOR SALE - Genuine Miata Bra keeps front end clear of dings. Never installed or used. Retail is \$149.50. I will sell for \$75. Contact Gary at faygray@sbcglobal.net or 916-663-1554. (2)

FOR SALE - 1990 Miata. It has 173K miles, needs a new top and the AC repaired. It DOES run great and still gets 30+ mpg. \$1,500 OBO. Contact Bob Cook at (530) 741-9760 or at robert-michaelcook@msn.com. (1)

What's Inside

Event Pictures	1
Contact the BOO	1
November Skedje	1
Mike's Musings	2
Want Ads	2
Member Discounts	2
Events Horizon	3
Membership Updates	3
Next SAMOA Meeting	3
Event Calendar	4
Monterey Sports Car Racing	4
Event Categories	4
SAMOA Elections	5
Letter to our Charity	5
Miata PRHT Pricing	6
Miatific Bliss	6
Beet Pulp...	7
Sticky Rubber	7
Matanzas Creek Winery	8
Scrabble Scramble	8
Scrabble Scramble Workers	9
SAMOA Picnic	9
SAMOA Picnic No Shows	10
Fort Bragg Run	10
Fort Bragg Weekend	10
Teddy Bear Run	11
Chili Cookoff	11
Holiday Party	11

We wish to thank the following businesses for offering SAMOA members discounts with presentation of their membership card

America's Tire Company

Mike Wilson (916) 331-3670
Ramps@dgweb.com

Automotive Unlimited

Darrell (916) 989-3325

Autozone

19th. & Broadway only
Glen (916)443-5479

Bob's Custom Upholstery

Roseville (916) 784-1442

Carquest Auto Parts

1945 Broadway only
Harold Taylor (916) 737-7280

Chevron Lead Hill

Roseville Auto Mall

Dan Driffill (916) 786-9888

The Clearwater Company

Skip Noyes (916) 852-1423

Crazy Red Italian

Dave DeNuzzo (916) 456-2277

Discount Tire Centers

Citrus Heights (916) 725-7337

Great Valley Mazda

Sacramento (916) 973-3240

Harbor Freight Tools

6964 65th. Street Sacramento
Dan Rasmussen (916) 393-7875

Kneisels Body Shop

Citrus Heights

Dave or Robert (916) 969-0788

Made in Japan / Made in America

10% off parts/labor on any work done

Rancho Cordova (916) 635-7444

Roseville (916) 773-0969

Sacramento (916) 349-8919

Sacramento (916) 486-4100

Mazda's Plus

Harold Brown (916) 421-5708

Midtown Framing & Gallery

Save 20% on any custom frame project and

Selected framed and unframed artwork

25th and J Street (916) 447-7558

Movado Body Shop

Sacramento (916) 482-7818

OK Tires of Sacramento

Sacramento (916) 331-2751

Seat Works

Carpet, padding, seat covers,

Soft top repair & installation

Sacramento (916) 483-7994

Towe Auto Museum

2200 Front Street
Sacramento (916) 442-6802

Events Horizon

By Ron Petrich

A review of the new Miata...er MX-5 ...appeared recently in the pages of the Sacramento Bee. The article was written by one Jeff Sabatini with the New York Times, and appeared in the Bee on October 20th in the Friday Automobile section. I bring this up only because the review was not necessarily a (completely) glowing one.

The author, it seems, is a former Miata owner and a self-claimed sports car fanatic. As such, he laments some of the evolutionary changes that have taken place with the newest Miata. In the new Miata, for example, we now have four (4) cupholders...for two on-board homo sapiens. If this is for a cup in each hand, how are we going to drive? The author continues to explain how the present NC, although only 77 pounds heavier than the 2005 Miata, has nevertheless steadily gained weight for the last 10 years. A Lotus Elise weighs in under 2,000 pounds, so why does a new MX-5 have to weigh more than 2,500 pounds? Instead, we get more horsepower (the new car is up to 170 now), but the new car is only marginally faster than the last generation.



Mr. Sabatini further laments the new car's fender flares and aggressive styling, explaining that the original car, not much to look at, made a better sports car statement because it was plain, unpretentious and understated. And he finally states that the new Mazda's interior is "adventurous...but far from attractive" and that the whole passenger area treatment "just looks cheap".



On the road, the author admits the car does redeem itself, and

succeeds in driving dynamics despite its visual and weighty shortcomings. Frankly I was surprised, as it is the first (somewhat) negative review of the new car that I have seen.

We now have, by my count, at least 7 new Miatas in the club. I have been impressed with each of them, as well as the response of the aftermarket so far in providing personalizing and performance-enhancing products for new owners. In fact, I am seriously considering upgrading to the newest generation MX-5 next year (a Mazdaspeed version please). What say all of you, both SAMOA members who own the new MX-5's, and/or those of you contemplating a new purchase? Are you satisfied with the new car? Is it everything you expected? More? Or less? Why and why not? I'm sure all of your fellow club members would be interested in your thoughts about your buying decision and your impressions. Why not share them? Please take a moment in the next couple of weeks and drop me a line for the December newsletter. Send your thoughts or article to free-scopesdad@comcast.net and I will publish every comment I receive.

Speaking of new Miatas, please don't forget one of the most important events of the year, which is coming up in less than 2 weeks. Of course, I am referring to our annual Teddy Bear Run in support of the Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento, brought to us unflinching again by Jack Parker. This event is truly worthwhile, and will take place on Saturday, November 11th. Even if you cannot make the run, please bring a teddy bear (or 2 or 3 or more) to the next club meeting

and we'll be sure to forward them to Jack.

Membership Updates

By Ron Petrich

We lost one member last month, but retained another who we thought we had lost but whose renewal check was finally tracked down. We will miss Connie **Plourde** and hope that your future roads are smooth, twisty and empty of SUV's. And Margie **Jurach**, I'm relieved that we finally tracked down your payment and reactivated your membership.

The following memberships expire on November 1st but your membership status will remain active and uninterrupted as long as we receive your renewal by the monthly meeting on November 9th.

Cat **Black** & Ken **Johnson**
Denise **Correia**
Anne **Lehman**
Bob & Genni **Pauwe**
Marita **Schonert**



Don't you wish you went to Fort Bragg?



Steve & Sandra Coleman

916.296.3368

9521 Greenback Lane, #200 • Folsom, CA 95630
(Greenback at Madison)

Next SAMOA Club Meeting

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2006 at Coco's Family Restaurant, 1830 Arden Way, Sacramento 95815. The restaurant is across the street from Arden Fair Shopping Center. All Miata enthusiasts are welcome. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM, but come early for chow & chat.

SAMOA Master Events Calendar

CLUB	DATE(S)	DAY	EVENT TITLE	ORGANIZER	TYPE	CODES
NOVEMBER						
SAMOA	Nov 04	Sat	North Yuba Food & Wine Festival	Mario & Cece Lavoie (916) 206-4256	A	R
SAMOA	Nov 09	Thu	Monthly Club Meeting			-
SAMOA	Nov 11	Sat	6th Annual Teddy Bear Toy Run	Jack Parker (916) 698-2006	A	\$
SAMOA	Nov 19	Sun	5th Annual Chili Cookoff	Fran Rowell (530) 344-1913	I	R
DECEMBER						
SAMOA	Dec 02	Sat	Holiday Party	Ralph Gingrich (916) 721-4499		\$\$ R
SAMOA	Dec 14	Thu	Monthly Club Meeting			-
Key: \$ = under \$30 \$\$ = under \$75 \$\$\$ = over \$75. R = RSVP to event coordinator or event sponsor. H = hotel reservation required or recommended.						

Monterey Sports Car Championships Update By Ron Petrich

The Monterey Sports Car Championships were held at Mazda Raceway at Laguna Seca during the weekend of October 20-22. The event included professional world-class racing in 5 different events, and culminated in a 4-hour ALMS (American LeMans Series) endurance race on Saturday afternoon. Next to Formula 1, many consider this series to represent the epitome of road racing in the world. And the cars were awesome. Audi completed a perfect season in the LMP1 class, with its turbo diesel R10's walking away with the top 2 spots. Porsche dominated the LMP2 class, and took 4th and 5th overall, beating many more powerful cars. Aston Martin continued its winning streak in GT1, topping the Corvettes, while a Ferrari took top honors in GT2. The weather throughout the weekend was perfect (no clouds, temperatures in the 70's), and several SAMOA, BAMA and SJVMC members participated in an impromptu Miata corral on Friday and Saturday. For true sports car racing enthusiasts it just doesn't get any better than this.

MIATA EVENT CATEGORIES



MILD: A relaxed scenic drive, slower paced, passenger-friendly, possible congested areas, several regroup stops. The main objective is to enjoy the scenery, eat and socialize.



INTERESTING: A drive with some intentional twisty roads, which allow the driver to enjoy the pace and the passenger to enjoy the scenery. It has a quicker pace, and usually ends with a meal and socializing.



A BLEND: This trip will allow the driver to exercise his/her driving skills on traditional Miata roads, within each driver's comfort level. Regroups areas. Passenger may miss some scenery. Ends with refreshments and shared stories of the road trip.



TRAVEL: Traveling some distance to meet, eat, socialize or visit locations. Often includes overnight stays or full day trips. Will entail a brisk pace with an emphasis on going directly, and may include freeways and faster direct roads, without regard to scenery.



ADVENTURESOME: Involves a quick, spirited pace. This run presents drivers with an opportunity to drive their Miatas to their individual safe limit. Will entail trips on back roads with lesser traffic, and lots of hills and curves. Motion sickness is not unheard of among passengers.



SPORTING: Includes track driving and autocross, with an objective of improving driving skills.

SAMOA Elections

2007 BOARD OF OFFICERS - Thursday, December 14, 2006

By Rod Gonzalez

It's that time of year... A change in seasons, getting out the boxes of Holiday decorations, and our annual club elections. Once again, I have been asked to chair the election committee. That means I either do it very well or they can't find anyone else with my masochistic tendencies. Oh well, now for the formalities...

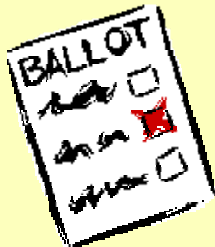
The SAMOA Bylaws, Article 5, Section 5.01, Election of Officers states, "The chair of the nominating committee shall make its report before notice of the voting meeting is sent out. This report must be published no later than two months in advance of the election." With that said, here is my report.



Of the seven (7) Board of Officers (BOO) positions up for election, the following members are running for the 2007 board:

OFFICE	MEMBER
President	Robin George
Vice President	Mike DeLaurentis
Treasurer	Jeanne George
Secretary	Fran Rowell
Events Coordinator	Open
Technical Advisor	Open
Media Director	Ron Petrich

Article 5, Section 5.02 of the Bylaws states, "Names may be placed in nomination at any time up to the actual casting of ballots at the annual business meeting." The casting of ballots will be held at the general membership meeting Thursday, December 14, 2006.



Candidate Eligibility:

Candidates shall be active members for the last six (6) months prior to elections (membership began on or before June 14, 2006).

Voting Eligibility:

You must be an active member for three (3) months prior to the election date to be eligible to vote (membership began on or before September 14, 2006). Each membership is entitled to one (1) vote. Individual memberships shall consist of one person entitled to one vote. Combined memberships shall consist of all persons per household entitled to one vote per household.

Please contact me if you wish to run for a 2007 BOO office. We still members to run for the Events Coordinator and Tech Advisor offices. This could be your chance to demonstrate your true leadership qualities, or maybe you're just in it for the money (the BOO gets to vote for their own pay raises). Feel also contact me at rodroid@samoa.org or at (916) 443-7901 if you have any questions regarding this year's SAMOA BOO election.



<p>Senator Mazda 3655 Florin Road Sacramento 95823 (916) 427-1234 www.senatorimports.com Contact: Tom Donovan</p>	<p>AutoWest Mazda 100 Automall Drive Roseville 95661 (916) 786-6611 www.AutoNation.com New Cars: Rich Estep Used Cars: Bill Silva</p>
--	--

These dealers are very enthusiastic about our promotion. They also welcome current members to come in and check out the new 2006 MX-5 and look forward to our continuing business. But this free membership offer only applies to new and prior members renewing their membership. Membership application forms are at the dealerships. More dealers may be included in the weeks to come, so check each month's newsletter and this space for updates. Contact Rod Gonzalez at rodroid@samoa.org or call (916) 443-7901 if you have any questions.



Letter To Our Designated Charity (picnic donation)



The Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association
PO Box 392
Orangevale, CA 95662

October 13, 2006

Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento
3555 Auburn Boulevard
Sacramento, CA 95821

The Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association recently celebrated its sixteenth birthday and as part of the celebration asked members to name their favorite charity and make a monetary donation. The Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento was selected as the recipient of all of the donations made that day. Enclosed is a check for \$585.00 to be used as you see fit to take care of the children for whom you do so much. Thank you for providing this wonderful service to our community and we wish you continued success. Please let us know if we may ever be of help to you. Best regards from all of the members.

Robin George
President

Mike DeLaurentis
Vice-president
Sacramento Area Miata Owner's Association

New MX-5 With PRHT Pricing Reprinted With Permission By MazdaUSA

What Price Fun? The new 2007 Mazda MX-5 with power retractable hardtop will be priced From \$24,350 and is available at Mazda dealers by late September of 2006.



Adding a new dimension to the Mazda MX-5 without diminishing its driving joy is no mean feat. The MX-5 Miata reinvented the lightweight, fun-to-drive, two-seat category in 1989, and has since become

the world's best-selling two-seat roadster. For 2007, Mazda's iconic MX-5 will again set a new standard for the segment with the introduction of a Power Retractable Hard Top (PRHT). And with pricing beginning at only \$24,350 (MSRP, not including tax, license and destination and handling fees), it provides drivers with year-round comfort and security as well as the joy of an open-top roadster at a truly affordable price.

Powered by a 170-hp, 2.0-liter, four-cylinder engine, the MX-5 PRHT provides exactly the same trunk capacity as its soft-top cousin, regardless of whether the roof is stowed or over-head -- a feat no other retractable hard top-equipped car sold in North America can boast. This breakthrough system requires only 12 seconds to open or close.

For \$24,350, buyers will receive a Sport-trim MX-5 PRHT which includes the power retractable hard top, power windows, mirrors and door locks, anti-lock brakes, seat-mounted side SRS airbags and an AM/FM/CD player. Available options (some only available in packages) include leather seating, dynamic stability and traction control, Bilstein gas shock absorbers and run-flat tires. MX-5 PRHT will be available at Mazda dealers throughout the nation starting in late September.

Even fitted with its coupe-like hard top, the MX-5 PRHT continues to be a light-weight roadster offering a truly fun-to-drive experience, adding only approximately 77 pounds net weight. Some minor adjustments were in order to compensate for the added weight, though, including firmer shock absorbers, higher spring rates and a larger diameter front anti-roll bar. When the top is down, MX-5 PRHT models can be identified by a fine chrome ring around the grille opening, bright bezels inside the headlamps, a chrome band in each door handle and a white lens on the CHMSL.

Mazda MX-5 PRHT comes with seven exterior colors having two new colors -- Stormy Blue Mica and Highland Green Mica replacing two existing colors. Three interior packages -- black fabric, black leather, and saddle-tan leather -- carry over from the MX-5 soft top.

Miatific Bliss In Five Gears

By John Skow

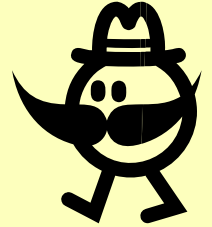
From LIVING magazine October 2, 1989

Forwarded by Adi Damania

This is embarrassing, but I am standing in front of "14 Carrots", the health- food store, looking at a little blue convertible and thinking,

"Aw, isn't it cute?" I do not usually gurgle about cars. Like other citizens with some mileage on them, I used to love cars, maybe 30 years ago, and then I grew up. Now when a hunk of junk that cost twice the price of my first house needs new front shocks at only 120,000 miles, my feeling is bitter resentment. Americans hate their cars.

"Love your car!" The young woman, who is quite pretty, has skipped across the main street of my New Hampshire town to say this. "Thanks," I tell her modestly, wondering if it would be all right to twirl my moustache. I borrowed this MX-5 Miata from MAZDA three days ago. People edge away when I park my usual vehicle, a large black four-wheel-drive Ford plow truck with red pinstriping and air horns. But the Miata gets passersby smiling and talking: teenagers, old couples, a fellow dressed in muscles and a camouflage shirt at a tire store, bicyclists in bicycle suits. Other conspicuous cars are costly and imposing and draw hate waves, as they are intended to. Decent householders glare, knowing you couldn't own the thing unless you were a drug dealer or a speculating corporat. The Miata is relatively cheap, if one of your relatives is a rich uncle. Its base price is under \$14,000, though optional doodads push the price to \$15,000 or more. Beyond that, surcharges that dealers are able to pile on because of the car's popularity average \$4,000 (up to \$8,000 in California, says a MAZDA official). But why are we talking about money?



Having charge of a Miata is like taking a puppy for a walk. People want to pat its stubby little muzzle (which looks as if it is not quite ready for the big world, since it lacks a conventional front bumper). They tell you about sports cars they owned, and when they get to the part where they sold the old XK 120, they look stricken.

Yes, yes. Now sit down, says the voice of reason. Have a nice cup of decaf tea. Try to remember that a car is not a puppy. True, the dreamer muses, but if adult automobiles bred and had young, the result might be a Miata: short nosed, rounded and soft looking; mischievous, with a funny, not quite serious growl.

Ah, the growl. The exhaust note, as you wind the little, high-revving, 116-h.p. engine up through five gears, sounds like one-fourth of a Ferrari. Or, memory says, like an old MG-TC or Porsche Speedster. Which is to say, cunningly tuned to bring a grin but not a police cruiser. This is true, more or less, of the Miata's performance. Steering is solid and very quick; cornering is flat, without sway or slosh; and straight-out acceleration (0 to 60 m.p.h. in 8.6 sec.) is brisk but not pavement scorching.



It is a toy, of course. There is enough room in its midget trunk for two tennis rackets and one can of balls. Is it a yupmobile? A delicate question, but the answer is not really. Yuppies lack a sense of nonsense. They buy BMW or Saab Turbo convertibles, ragtop versions of sedans that are irreproachably expensive and slightly stodgy. If you must pick up your elderly aunt, her Doberman and her scuba gear at the airport, you can manage it in one of these. In the Miata, no way.

One requirement of a proper sports car is that there be a lot of technical gibberish to discuss with envying friends. The Miata has a rigid, monocoque body, designed solely to be a roadster (there is no sedan model); a 16-valve, four-cylinder engine with cast-iron block and

double-overhead cams, redlined at 7,000 r.p.m.; independent, double-wishbone suspension with anti-roll bars; disk brakes all around; a lovely, five-speed, manual, close-ratio gearbox; and rack and pinion steering. And, yes, the top can be raised or lowered with one hand, from inside the car, though your other hand should not be holding a cup of coffee.

Now lower yourself down, down, behind the leather-covered wheel (which contains an air bag, though there is none for your passenger; sorry about that, Darleen). Turn on the engine and vroom it a couple of times. Adjust your cowboy hat. Blast off. Note the Magic Fingers feeling. This is called "road feel"; it lets you know you are in a sports car and keeps the seat of your pants on its toes. Turn the wheel, but not much, and note that the car turns too, right now. Glance upward, and sense the sun spilling through the blur of green-to-red-turning maple leaves.

MAZDA will import 20,000 Miatas (in three colors, red, blue or white) by the end of the year, and an additional 40,000 next year. Virtually all the '89 quota is spoken for, though tales, possibly tall, persist of buyers calling MAZDA dealers in the distant boonies ("Ay-yuh, we got one uh them?"), flying thousands of miles and driving off in Miatific bliss. St. Louis resident Judy Buchmiller placed an ad in the Los Angeles Times offering her \$16,000 red Miata for \$32,000. Similar ads appear every day listing owners in such states as Kansas, Nebraska and Michigan, most of whom expect buyers to pay delivery charges.

But never mind sufferers who don't have one. Drive around a college campus a couple of times in a Miata. Do a circuit of your shopping center. Raise your cowboy hat and say "Howdy" whenever eye contact is made. Then whoosh away in a cloud of envy.

Beet Pulp – The downside? (used to feed cattle and horses)

By Susan Evans Garlinghouse

Forwarded By Fran Rowell

This is a story sent to me that I would like to share. It has absolutely nothing to do with cars but will give you a good laugh which is what we all need. Credit goes to Susan Evans Garlinghouse.

Well, I knew there had to be a downside to beet pulp, and thought it only fair that I pass it on... This afternoon I decided to bring some beet pulp pellets into the house to soak, because I wanted to get an idea of the % volume they expanded during soaking. Researchers are like that, pathetically easy to amuse and desperately in need of professional help. So I trundled in a bucket, about three pounds of beet pulp, added in the water and set it in the living room to do its thing. No problem. Science in the making.

Well, one thing I don't think I've mentioned before is that in my ongoing Quest to turn this house into Noah's Ark, we have not only four horses, two dogs, three house cats plus Squeaky the barn cat, a sulfur-crested cockatoo, a cockatiel and assorted toads, we also have William, a fox squirrel who absentmindedly fell out of his tree as a baby a year or so ago, and got handed off by my vet to the only person he knew silly enough to traipse around with a baby squirrel and a bottle of Esbilac in her bookbag. Being no dummy, William knew a sucker when he saw one and has happily been an Urban



Squirrel ever since. And for those of you that think A Squirrel's Place is In The Wild, don't think we didn't try that... last year at Christmas, we thought we'd give him his lesson in Being a Wild Squirrel by letting him play in the undecorated Christmas tree, and his reaction was to shriek in horror, scutter frantically across the floor and go try to hide underneath the nearest border collie. Since then the only way he will allow himself to be taken outside is hiding inside Mummy's shirt and peering suspiciously out at the sinister world. So much for the re-make of Born Free in San Dimas.

Anyway, when I set out the bucket of beet pulp, I may have underestimated the lengths that a young and enthusiastic squirrel will go to stash all available food items in new and unusual hiding spots. I thought letting William out of his cage as usual and giving him a handful of almonds to go cram under cushions and into the sleeping dog's ears was sufficient entertainment for the afternoon. After all, when I left, he was gleefully chortling and gloating over his pile of treasure, making sure the cockatoo saw them so he could tell her I Have Almonds And You Don't. Sigh. So much for blind optimism.

Well, apparently when the almond supply ran out, beet pulp pellets became fair game and I can only imagine the little rat finding that great big bucket and swooning with the possibilities of being able to hide away All That Food. The problem isn't quite so much that I now have three pounds of beet pulp pellets cleverly tucked away in every corner of my house, it's that as far as I can tell, the soaking-expanding-and-falling-apart process seems to be kinda like nuclear meltdown. Once the reaction gets started, no force on earth is going to stop it. So when I happily came back from the grocery store, not only do I find an exhausted but incredibly Fulfilled squirrel sprawled out snoozing happily up on the cat tree, I find that my house smells like a feed mill and virtually every orifice is crammed full of beet pulp. This includes the bathroom sink, the fish tank filter, in my undie drawer, in the kitty box (much to their horror) and ALL the pockets of my bookbag. I simply can't WAIT to turn on the furnace and find out what toasting beet pulp smells like.

The good news is that in case of siege, I have enough carbohydrates hidden in my walls and under the furniture to survive for years. The bad news is that as soon as I try to remove any of the Stash, I get a hysterical squirrel clinging to my pant leg, tearfully shrieking that I'm ruining all his hard work and now he's going to starve this winter. This is despite the fact that William is spoiled utterly rotten, knows how to open the macadamia nut can all by himself and has enough of a tummy to have earned him the unfortunate nickname Buddha Belly.)

So in case anyone was losing sleep wondering just how much final product you get after soaking three pounds of beet pulp, the answer is a living room full. I'd write this New Data up and submit it as a case study paper to the nutrition and physiology society, but I suspect the practical applications may be limited.

Off I go to empty the Shop-Vac. Again

Sticky Rubber and Frozen Nuts

By Jack Parker

Around our house when a car project gets a full head of steam and the garage is full of parts, the whereabouts seem to always elude us, we

are always in conversation about what ifs. The what ifs are always flying around the garage with everyone getting in the act. "What if we had enough money to have someone else do this blanking (you insert your favorite adjective) project" "What if you had a million dollars, what car would you buy?" "What if I told you I don't know where we got this part from and better yet don't know where it goes back into the car?" Awe yes. Fantasies.

Sometimes we ponder the ideas of coming up with "the next big thing". Some time ago we began to wonder about inventions. We seem to end all projects with some kind of makeshift idea that is held together with a "last big thing" product. Ever wonder what you what would do without duct tape. Wouldn't it be great to be Mr. Duct tape. The world is held together with duct tape. They even sponsor a "Duct Tape Prom Dress Contest" of which you do not want to see the resulting winners. How about Mr. Superglue. We must use superglue, or a variation of it on every project. And of course the resulting how do we get my fingers apart question. And no project would be complete without the use of zip ties. You may know them as cable ties. They are those cute little strips of ribbed plastic with one way locks at one end that allow you to finish any project that you can't find the right fastener for. Look under my hood sometime (now that sounds provocative) and you will see many. It would be great to be Mr. Zip Tie.



Well fantasies aside, you can add two more products to this list if you do your own projects. For those of us who have project cars, and those can be defined as anything older than a 97 M1, frozen anything can be a natural phenomenon. And it is always the last (insert your

favorite) part. Whether it be an intake, exhaust pipe, a header or a suspension nut there always seems to be one nut that just wont come off. TA DAH! Enter CRC Industries Freeze Off Super Penetrant. Amazing stuff. No longer are we soaking these stubborn parts with Liquid Wrench or getting the entire underside of the car saturated with WD-40 to get parts separated. The stuff "freezes and cracks rust. And it does work.

The other product that we have discovered that we can attest to really working is a product for tires that sit around. Got a set of summer tires that sit around all winter? How about a set of all seasons that sit around all summer? How about a car that just sits all winter waiting for a ray of sunshine to be abused in the warm spring air? Tires don't like to just sit. They dry out. They crack. They get less sticky and tend to make a mess of your fun day when you should have held onto a corner at 55 and found that it was 20 mph higher than you should have taken that highway 128 curve on the way to St. Helena. Formula Vee Traction Treatment is the best stuff I have found to keep the tires on your seldom used rims sticky and fun to play with. I know some guy who uses the stuff on track and autocross tires. We used it on some old V700 Victoracer Kuhmo R compound race tires and after 3 years and very little use they were still very sticky and are now being used on a drifter car in Stockton. Rod stop reading here. I even use them on my autocross Azenis street tires and I believe that is the reason they really never squeal in tight turns and remain very sticky throughout the season. Rod can start reading again. This stuff can be found at Racerpartswholesale.com

Thanks for reading this mindless rambling and see you all on the Children's Toy/Teddybear Run on November 11. Keep the greasy side down and see you on the road.

Past Events

Matanzas Creek Winery Thoughts...

By John Emelio

Well, this was my first run with the club and was the perfect introduction. This was the most miles I put on my car in one day and also the most fun I've had since I bought it in February. Everyone that I met was very nice and the route and weather were great. While my son Adam slept at times in the passenger seat, I was wide awake and enjoyed every minute of it. I have since been itching to get out and go in my Miata again! I think little drives like this one are the perfect excuse to burn some expensive gas and this being my first Miata, I am amazed at what it can do. I look forward meeting more club members and their cars soon.



SCRABBLE SCRAMBLE 2006

By Denise Correia

28 Miatas gathered at the Residence Inn in Folsom for the Scrabble Scramble on Sept 23rd. Drivers from Placerville, San Jose, Carmichael, Sacramento, Fair Oaks, Rancho Cordova, Highland, Rough and Ready, Concord, Madera, Granite Bay, Auburn, Fresno, Garden Valley, Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, El Dorado Hills, Coarsegold, Rocklin, and Pollock Pines displayed their Miatas in the car show, then headed

out on the route to find 18 tiles....all to compete for prizes....and enjoy a beautiful day on some backroads. Everyone found their way to lunch at the St George Hotel in Volcano. Fairplay wineries were part of the afternoon route. Then back to the hotel for a little more socializing in the hospitality suite prior to dinner at Yager's.

AND THE WINNER IS.....

Mike DeLaurentis was our MC again at the dinner. Skip Noyes won first place for the car show, Bob & Genny Paauwe were a close second, and tied for third were Tom & Marna Wood with Mike and Jennifer Sipe. Everyone had a word but the point value matters..... the first place Scrabble Scramble plaque went to Mike & Jennifer Sipe for "jack", second to Brian & Michele Erk for "bezel", third to Tom Wade for "torque", fourth to Wes & Paula Zicker for "zoom", fifth to Ray Chermak & Susan Wilitt for "manifold", sixth to Rod Gonzalez for "wax", seventh to Clay & Barbara Cowan for "apex". A prize went to Tom and Marna Wood for "traveled the farthest" from their home Highland in southern California. Marna invited us all to join them in May on a two week 2007 Tour of the National Parks of the Southwest as part of the Miatas in Moab event.



We were all feeling lucky after enjoying a fun drive and having socialized with many of our distant Miata folks.

A Tale of Scrabble Scramble Workers

By Jeanne George

This year, Robin and I decided to step forward and be a part of SAMOA's fourth Scrabble Scramble.

Denise Correia, Chairperson of the event asked for volunteers to go on the final test drive of the event route. On that drive, Denise assigned us to work a tile stop at the Mt. Aukum winery. The winery was located at the top of a hill overlooking the foothills and vineyards. As we exited the winery, Robin and I began bouncing ideas off each other. Realizing the event would have people from out of town as well as new SAMOA members, we decided to take photographs of the participants when they came to our station.

Robin and I previously worked Poker Run Stops. We had made it fun for the participants and us. (We relaxed in our Miata chairs while drinking Champaign, and listened to Classical music as we waited for the drivers to arrive.)

Unfortunately for Robin, on the day of the event he was coming down with a sinus infection. We skipped the initial meeting at the hotel and car show. We packed up my PT Cruiser with a pop-up canopy, road cones, a STOP sign from his school bus, ice chest, water and camera. We headed for the St. George Hotel in Volcano for the lunch.

Jointly we made a big mistake on our attempt to find a short cut to Volcano. As we headed on a road out of Drytown, the road conditions worsened to pot holes. Eventually we declined to a gravel road, dirt road, then to large rocks embedded in the dirt road. Meanwhile the satellites on our GPS indicated we were just about at the end.

(We were so close; we could hear Ron Petrich laughing in front of the Hotel!) The road narrowed down to one lane, with me freaking out at every bump, and Robin attempting to maintain control of the situation. As we rounded a blind curve, in front of us was a 7 foot drop of the road into a gully with large jumbo rocks. His only option was to drive 2 miles backwards, which I wasn't about to do. I had already seen what we encountered to this point; I knew we had to face it head on. We had a hill on one side of us and a drop-off on the other. At this point I began crying which was evident from the streaks running down my dusty face. Knowing this would worsen the situation I got out of the car and began looking for a wider spot to the dirt path. I found an area that had 2 extra feet to the side of the road; I was guiding Robin while he went forward a few inches and then backwards a few inches until he had the car turned around. At this point I was very thankful for Robin's unique ability to handle the kids on his bus, because he got me back on track. We used the GPS to find a paved road and arrived in Volcano with dirt caked on the car and us.

After lunch, we headed to our spot. We got everything set up and soon the first Miata arrived. Robin had picked out a picturesque spot with the vineyards for the background. As each Miata arrived, he joked with the drivers and got them positioned. He took a distant shot and then made them smile for a close up shot. We later emailed the photos to each participant.

Soon Fran and Tom Rowell approached. They worked the Tile Stop before us, and let us know they were the last ones. We took their pictures and sent them on their way. We packed up our stuff, by this time Robin was feeling miserable and we headed home.

Despite everything we enjoyed being a part of this event.

SAMOA Celebrates 16 Years

By Jeanne George

On October 13, 1990 a group of 13 Miata enthusiasts met at Carmichael Park and created the Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association.

To honor that day, this year's officers agreed to hold a celebration at the Windwalker Winery on October 1. Plans for this event began back in February. When President Robin led his presidential Run which ended at Incahoots in Plymouth, he proposed they use this establishment to cater the event. Vice-president Mike DeLaurentis contacted Windwalker Winery to find out if the club could use their facilities. Fran Rowell was put in charge of obtaining the cake and cookies. Ron Petrich and Rod Gonzalez were requested to lead attendees to the event location. I was put in charge of working with the caterer, tracking RSVP's, making web site information and newsletter releases. VP, Mike made lists of what every one should do, and continually monitored them and their assignments by email and finally by telephone conference Saturday before the event.

Robin and I drove to the winery on Saturday, to confirm the delivery of 90 chairs. We took with us ladders, canopy, hand truck, and tape measures. Robin took photos to determine where he wanted signs, decorations and parking facilities. Then we talked with owners, Arnie and Paige, and gave them the update of 86 expected guests and around 40 Miatas. I convinced Robin to do his wine tasting this day, since he wouldn't have time the next day. Arnie offered the SAMOA members a 20% discount on wine purchases. Robin invited him and his workers to join us for lunch the next day.

The day of the event Robin woke at 5 am and while waiting for his coffee, he began blowing up 60 large balloons---who says he isn't full of hot air? Robin and I loaded our supplies and left home at 7:30 am. We arrived at the winery at 9 and began decorating the gate area, the lamp posts up the drive way, hanging directional signs, and parking signs. We were in the process of hanging the banners, when Mike and Helen DeLaurentis arrived about 9:45. Shortly Fran and Tom Rowell arrived. Mike immediately put Tom to work sweeping the gazebo area while he and Robin hauled all 90 chairs to that area. Next Mike and Robin washed all the tables and transported them as well. The three men set up the tables and chairs. Meanwhile, Fran, Helen and I were setting up the registration area, hanging balloons, hanging banners and signs. But because we can multi-task, talk--work--laugh at the same time, the guys told us we were having too much. Before the finishing touches were completed several members arrived. We tagged them and sent them wine tasting so we could finish our work. Then the line of Miatas arrived and Robin and Mike headed to the parking area to organize them for "maximum efficiency".

The catering staff let me know the food was ready. After people ate, Robin began his speech. He gave a little bit of the history of SAMOA and introduced the only two remaining members of the original group of 13: Skip Noyes and Dennis Swaney.

This was largest Birthday party attendance in SAMOA history. Robin introduced 21 members who held former officer positions who were at the event. "I would like to take this time to introduce some of those individuals that have contributed to keeping our club going."

1997 Events Ralph Gingrich

- 1998** President Steve Hartzell
1999 President Robin George, Secretary Genny Paauwe, and Events Jeanne George
2000 President Robin George, Secretary Genny Paauwe, Treasurer Jeanne George, Events Ron Petrich
2001 President Mike DeLaurentis, Secretary Denise Correia, Technical Kevin Chapnick, and Events Mike Wilson
2002 President Mike Delaurentis, Secretary Denise Correia , Technical Kevin Chapnick, Events Fran Rowell and JR Hahn
2003 Treasurer Gary Bechtold, Secretary Gundi Bechthold & Margaret Counter, Technical Ray Chermak, and Events Rod Gonzalez
2004 Vice-president Margaret Counter and Events Rod Gonzalez
2005 President Cat Black, Vice-president Margaret Counter, Treasurer Bob Carlson, Secretary Gundi Bechthold, Technical Ken Johnson, Events Denise Correia, and Media Director Clay Cowen
2006 President Robin George, Vice-president Mike DeLaurentis, Treasurer Bob Carlson, Secretary Fran Rowell, and Media Director and Events Ron Petrich

Next Robin asked the attendees “did you enjoy your food?” to which there was a loud ovation. In response, he walked over and paid the catering staff. He also asked members if they would like to return to the winery location next year, to which there was an overwhelming cheer. Birthday cakes were served and a bocce ball tournament got underway.

Mike DeLaurentis had made a suggestion that members, who wanted to participate, put the name of a charity and a donation in an envelope. Attendees contributed a generous \$585. The envelope picked was for The Sacramento Children’s Receiving Home named by Margaret and Toby Counter.

I wish to thank the many members that stepped forward and helped with the clean up process, moving chairs and tables, collecting trash, and taking down the decorations. The officers all appreciated the extra helpers.

Birthday Party NO SHOWS...

By Jeanne George

Unfortunately for SAMOA members, this year no shows cost the Club an additional \$210 in catering costs. Eighty three people indicated their desire to attend the Birthday celebration. But fifteen failed to attend. That was an 18% no-show rate. We understand that things can happen such as emergencies or illnesses. It was indicated in the newsletters and web page to please contact us if you would not be able to attend. We would have been able to reduce the count to the caterer. We appreciate the nine members who did contact me in time to notify the caterer. They saved the Club \$135. Anyone have suggestions for handling future similar events?

Fort Bragg Run- the Run Itself

By Kathi Bell and Vince Weis

Fran and Ralph have also said they are writing about the wonderful time we had at Fort Bragg. So this article is just limited to the

“getting there”. This year’s run was different from the various routes we have taken in other years. Ralph had the wonderful idea of incorporating some of the Pacific Coast Highway into the run. Finding a route to do this was not simple as many roads to the Coast were under construction from last year’s rains. To get to the Coast we incorporated parts of Graeme’s Stewart’s Point Run.

From the Davis McDonald’s we avoided Highway 80 altogether and ran out to Dixon on back roads. From there it was through orchards, past Lake Solano, turning toward Lake Berryessa past Winters. We took Highway 128 to our first stop at Markley Cove Marina. The pleasant store there provided a nice first break. From there we continued on 128 over to the Silverado Trail. A short stop at the Napa Valley Olive Oil Manufacturing in St. Helena furnished picnic lunch supplies.

From the Silverado trail, we proceeded up past Calistoga and back over to 128 on Tubbs Lane, passed the “Old Faithful” Geyser which was not spouting as we drove past. It had on the pre-run so we were a little disappointed about that. We proceeded through the Alexander Valley and then left 128 to head through Lytton Springs to Lake Sonoma for a picnic lunch. There was some (okay, a lot) of fog from Lake Berryessa through the valleys to this point, so we were happy to see sun at Lake Sonoma and clear skies toward the coast.

After a leisurely picnic lunch at Lake Sonoma, we headed out toward the Coast, turning up through Annapolis. A stop at the Annapolis Winery provided a nice respite, with good wine and pleasant ambience. From the winery, we headed down to the Pacific Coast Highway, at Sea Ranch. The coast was clear!

We had beautiful driving with scenic views and a very light sea breeze from here to Fort Bragg. Terrific top down weather! Our last stop was at the harbor at Point Arena (also known as Anchor Cove). Some folks shopped. A few caught up on the baseball score and others just relaxed. The final drive up the Coast Highway put us into Fort Bragg a little after four o’clock. This gave Ralph, JoAnne and Fran time to visit Safeway for supplies for Saturday’s dinner.

We discovered that Connie and Toby had missed us at the Davis start and so had not taken the “long cut”. They arrived about two and hours before we did, and were very relaxed. They were able to join the entire group for dinner (making 20) at Silver’s on the Wharf. It was a beautiful day with perfect weather on the Coast. This route made for a long, but enjoyable day.

Fort Bragg Weekend

By Fran Rowell

Kathi Bell has written an article about the route we took so I shall give you my rendition of the weekend once we got there. The first event was a shopping trip to Safeway for our party supplies. Shopping with Ralph and JoAnne is surprisingly easy due to Ralph’s complete list of items needed. Boy, I wish someone would do this for me all the time. Three couples; Gingrichs, Rowells, Leiningers, share the cottage so we -e a kitchen, dining room, living room, 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. This gives us ample room for get togethers. The one problem we ran into was getting to bed in the wee hours of the morning. Among the 6 of us there is always someone that is wide awake and wanting to talk. So we talk and talk. We were reminiscing about previous years at Fort Bragg. It was my first run with the club nine

year ago. I think we had 33 cars that year. Crazy Red was leading the group. We got to Clear Lake and where broken up by fishermen and there boats. I was stuck behind one and just biding my time when I saw a white Miata on the next rise with a long arm sticking out waiving me to pass and catch up, it turned out to be Ralph. By the time we reached Highway 20 I had worked my way up in the pack and boy were we moving. I thought well it's the same car if they can hang on to those curves so can I. Little did I know that some cars had been modified. I did find out that the car could do more than I thought it could and Tom had more of a personal relationship with God than I knew. I got to meet a lot of new people. I kind of wondered about the couple that got all dressed up to the T's to go to dinner and the guy had a pony tail. Of course they did have good taste in their 96 Montego. Friday evening we went to the Wharf Restaurant which is under new management, and had a wonderful dinner. Saturday morning I took a group with me to visit my friend JoAnne Abramson at Pacific Pintos Miniature Horse Farm. Jan Leininger and Connie Plourde fell in love with a little baby that was following them around until I told them the price on that particular horse was \$12,500. They lost interest real fast. If you are interested in looking at these little guys the web site is www.pacificpintos.com We then went to the Botanical Gardens and walked down to the beach. Jan and I almost got lost finding our way back to the entrance but did stumble upon the Dahlia Garden in full bloom, what a wonderful sight. At this point I had to get back to the cottage for kitchen duty. Ralph surely outdid himself. With JoAnne, Jan, and me assisting him, he cooked a dinner for 22 people at a cost of \$8.25 a person. We had a chicken and bis-

cuit casserole and a salad to die for. Everyone loved it. We then had a cake provided by the club to celebrate our 16th year at Fort Bragg, the marriage of Dennis and Barbara Dettloff, and the birthday of Paula Zicker. Boy do we know how to celebrate! Then there was a game played where people reveal something about themselves. Did you know we have a person in our group who disposed of a body once and another one that was married to multiple personality? I'll keep you wondering who they are for awhile. Barbara Dettloff took over for a rousing game of Shout Out. Boy do we have loud members, my ears where ringing but it was fun. Sunday we met at noon with our picnic lunches for a little drive up the coast to Pacific Star Winery. They have great wine and one of the most beautiful spots for a picnic with the ocean on three sides. That afternoon I made a fatal mistake, I took Tom shopping in Mendocino with me. Short trip, should've know better. That evening we got together to go out to dinner. The 10 of us decided on North Coast Brewery who doesn't take reservations. So we took our chances but after finding out that there was an hour wait we went elsewhere. Next choice had a computer outage and couldn't serve so we ended up at the Cliff House and had a great dinner. Thank goodness because the next stop would have been Pizza Hut, we were getting really hungry. We had another birthday to celebrate, Connie Plourde. Then next morning after breakfast at Denny's, Jan and I took a stroll down to Glass Beach to collect our sea glass before heading home. It was a wonderful weekend. A beautiful drive over to the coast, the weather couldn't have been better, the hotel was very accommodating, a fun group of people to be with, what more could you ask for? That's why I keep going every

Coming Attractions

Teddy Bear Run - November 11, 2006

By Jack Parker

It's that time of the year. November 11th. is the date for ho ho hoing for the Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento. This year we, as usual, will meet at the coffee shop in Rancho Murieta, California for a quick drivers' meeting and caffeine at 9:30. The start time is a little later as the run will be a little shorter this year through the Gold Country/foothills of central California with a stop at a local eatery. This year's start time will be 10:00 with a quick trip to the Parker house to drop off the bears and gifts which will be dropped off the following week at the home. In the past, 20-25 cars have participated in this event. Wouldn't it be great to fill the coffee shop parking lot with 30-40 cars and teddy bears? It always makes for a great picture in front of our house with all the colorfull cars. It's always great for the neighbors to see the cars. Again, we meet at Mar Sha Tes in the Murieta Plaza, 7238 Murieta Drive in Rancho Murieta, at 9:30 for a 10:00 departure. Let's ho ho ho our way through the foothills on November 11th. with lots of cars and toys. If you have never been on an event with the club this is a great, easy drive through some scenic areas of central California for a great cause. Most speed limits are observed. Just kidding. All are observed. This is a slow paced and fun outing with a nice lunch afterwards. See you on the 11th.

Chili Cookoff - November 19, 2006

By Fran Rowell

The 5th annual SAMOA Chili Run & Cookoff will start out at 1:00 PM from the El Dorado Hills Park N Ride, 4640 Post Street, El Dorado Hills. A drive through the foothills will include a winery stop, ending at Fran Rowell's mansion in Garden Valley. Bring your special chili or a salad, side, beverage or dessert. Contact Fran at (530) 344-1913 for all the details.

Holiday Party - December 2, 2006

By Ralph Gingrich

Time for the holiday party again and this time we will have dancing to go with the food. The party is on December 2, 2006 at 6:00 PM, with dinner starting at 7:00 PM. The event will be held at Lion's Gate Restaurant in McClellan Park off of Watt Avenue (the complete address is on the reservation form). We have had this event at Lions Gate for the last 3 years and we have always had good food and a good time. The staff has taken good care of us, and the room, including the fireplace, has always been decorated for the Christmas season. So if you want to go this year please send me your form filled out completely and I will put you on the list. As of last month we had 26 people signed up (capacity 40). Thanks to the BOO for underwriting the cost of the dance floor. Lets have a sellout for this event.

First Class Mail



Miata Tudes
PO Box 392 Orangevale, CA 95662



Are you interested in joining a Miata club
That offers driving and social events,
The opportunity to learn more about your car,
but moreover the camaraderie of other
Miata owners like yourself?

The Sacramento Area Miata Owners
Association meets the second Thursday of
Each month at Coco's Restaurant,
1830 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA
(that's just across the street from Arden Fair)
At 7:00 PM. Many members come early and
Enjoy a meal with other club members.

Join us for a no-obligation free tour.
And visit us on the web at www.samoa.org.

Contact _____

At _____



Are you interested in joining a Miata club
That offers driving and social events,
The opportunity to learn more about your car,
but moreover the camaraderie of other
Miata owners like yourself?

The Sacramento Area Miata Owners
Association meets the second Thursday of
Each month at Coco's Restaurant,
1830 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA
(that's just across the street from Arden Fair)
At 7:00 PM. Many members come early and
Enjoy a meal with other club members.

Join us for a no-obligation free tour.
And visit us on the web at www.samoa.org.

Contact _____

At _____