

Tech Tidbits

Well, this is it! SAMOA's first newsletter! In case you don't know me, my name is Paul Kile, and I am the co-founder and resident technofreak enthusiast. I would like to extend my heartiest welcome to all fellow Miata owners. I hope to be able to answer people's questions about their little beasties, as well as offering periodic technical sessions to teach people how to best maintain them.

I am no stranger to automotive maintenance, having owned 5 MGs over the last 20 years, with a little MGB-GT patiently awaiting restoration in my side yard. The Miata is the first car produced in the last 20 years that FEELS like an MG, the only difference is that it does not leave an oil slick on your driveway or immolate it's dashboard wiring as you drive!

One thing I would like to pass on to all of you is that I have installed many of the accessories that are available for the Miata, including the hardtop, security system, headrest speakers, CD player, European foglights, and sill plates. If anyone is planning to buy any of these items, let me know and I will give you all the shortcuts.

My apologies for the last meeting, the guest speaker went a bit beyond the technical tolerance of most of the members. We hope not to bore people at future gatherings! One thing that we plan to initiate is providing an agenda for future meetings, with a lot of time provided for simply getting to know the members. Once again, welcome to all !

For all of you competition-minded people out there, the SCCA is offering two Solo II Autocross events in February. Round One of the San Francisco Region Championships will be held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds on Sunday, February 17,. The next day will be a practice session for Solo II at the same location. Tech and registration starts at 8 AM. The actual events are open to SCCA members only, but all are welcome as spectators. For more information, call Skip Noyes at (916) 362-5871.

Ray's Ramblings

Half the fun of owning a Miata is sharing it with other people! Whether it is acknowledging the looks and/or comments while driving, answering questions whenever you stop the car, or swapping experiences with other Miata owners. The car just seems to be a magnet for for fun-loving, friendly people.

The Miata Club of America is a terrific supportive organization and a solid foundation for a car club, but its personality will be created by the local club chapters. I would like to thank Audrey Hall and Paul Kile for co-founding the Sacramento Chapter, "SAMOA" (the Sacramento Area Miata Owner's Association).

We are a young chapter, that has just recently elected officers. Our main goal is to create a chapter where all the members' needs are addressed, and a good time is had by all. The members decided to start by running the club in an

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informal manner. We are actively seeking input from people interested in joining and helping build the chapter.

We are working on a flyer for Sacramento area Mazda dealers to hand out to new Miata owners. The flyer will advertise the club and its benefits. We have heard that there is some delay for the new Miata owners in receiving their complimentary issue of the Miata Magazine, and were hoping the flyer will help fill that gap in communicating that a Miata Club exists.

The "Gold Rush 90" Rally was such a hit that we are looking forward to working with the sponsor, Honey Mazda in Shingle Springs, for organizing Gold Rush 91. We are looking for people that want to get involved in planning, organizing and running this year's rally. For anyone who is interested, you're invited to attend a meeting at Honey Mazda on February 23rd at 10:00 AM. They are located at Highway 50 at the Ponderosa Road exit in Shingle Springs.

I'm looking forward to an event-filled and fun year. I would like you to come to a meeting and join in on the fun!

Membership Info

SAMOA Members must be a member of the Miata Club of America (the National club). Membership dues are \$15.00 per year.

To join, call Kitty Hughes (Treasurer) at (916) 443-1254 or come to any meeting. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at Rascal's Pub, 9819 Horn Road, in Rancho Cordova. The dinner meeting time is 6:30 PM.

Checks should be made out to "SAMOA", or the Sacramento Area Miata Owner's Association. Mail checks to: Kitty Hughes, 1614 "O" street # 2, Sacramento, Ca. 95814.

Newsletter Mailing List

This first newsletter of SAMOA will be mailed to all Miata owners that signed up at "Gold Rush 90", or have expressed interest in a local club since the rally. Future newsletters will be mailed only to paid-up members.

What a Deal on Sill Plates!

What are sill plates, you ask? They are decorative covers for that area below your door that your feet drag over when you are getting in and out of your Miata, you know, the area where the paint is wearing off. Well, a company called Tucson Tool and Manufacturing is offering sill plates to Miata Club members at a good discount. The offer two styles of plates, one has a brushed stainless steel finish, while the other has a black wrinkle finish. Both have the Miata script logo in the center.

Here's the deal. These sill plates normally list for \$53.00 a set. Most dealers will discount them to \$49.00. Tucson Tool is offering them to Miata Club members for \$43.00 per set if we send them a bulk prepaid order. The best part is that Tucson Tool will rebate the Club \$5.00 for each prepaid set ordered. This money can be placed in the Club treasury for future use. Both Paul Kile and Bonnie Lutz have a set of the black plates on their cars, and they are GREAT. Paul also has a set of stainless plates for view or sale at the club meetings. Call Paul Kile at (916) 638-7084 for more details.

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Welcome New Members!

Allen & Tracie Paulsen, Rocklin, Ca.
Marlene Fissell, Davis, Ca.
William & Loretta Dorville, Roseville, Ca.

Call For Creative Input!

Any Club members who feel like waxing poetic about their Miatas are encouraged to send any articles, jokes, stories, or miscellaneous missives to the SAMOA Newsletter for publication. Send a legible copy to Paul Kile or Bonnie Lutz, who knows, you might win a Pulitzer Prize for journalism!

Bonnie's prose.....

Roses are red,
Miatas are too,
unless you have one
in white, silver, or blue.

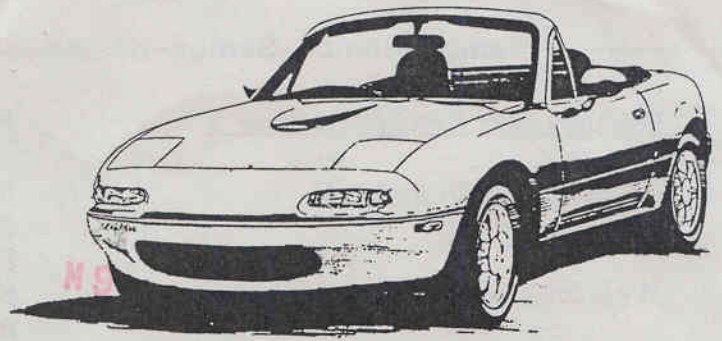
Soon there will be
the new color green,
I'll get one of those,
won't that be mean!

February Club Outing!

Its "Bonnie's Baby's Birthday Bash", her car's first birthday party will be on Sunday Feb. 10. The club will be meeting at the K-Mart (Zinfandel & Sunrise) 10:30 AM in the parking lot. We will leave at 11:00 AM to cavavan up highway 50 to Diamond Springs for brunch (no host) at Zachary Jacks resturant. The cost is \$7-\$12 depending on what you order. If you get this newsletter in time please join us. Sorry for the short notice, due to this being the first newsletter.

New Officers!

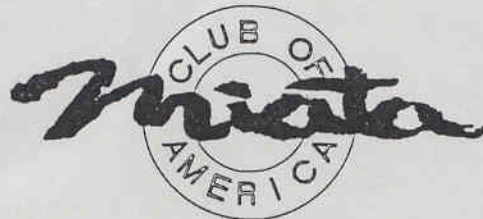
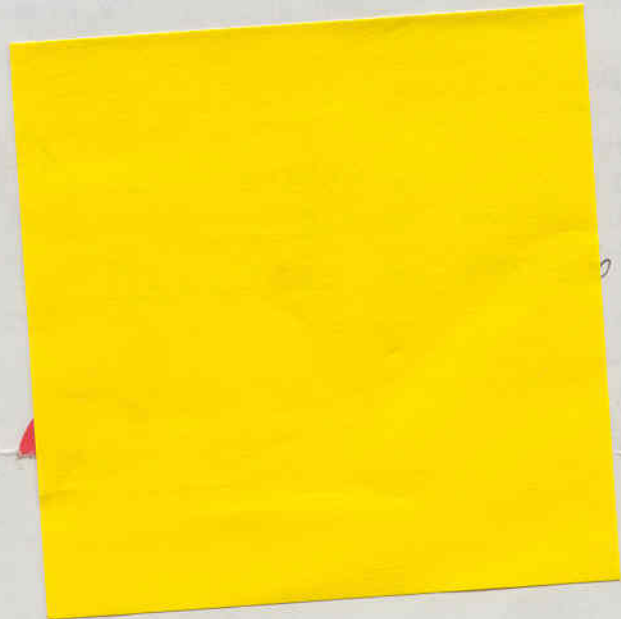
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