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Sue Hinkle

# Presidents Message

Sue Hinkle

Here we are rounding the corner toward the end of June, and moving into those triple digit temperatures in our beautiful state of Arizona. Although it is hot, hot, hot, that doesn't mean we can't gather for organized early morning drives, lunches, brunches and dinners.

We are finally getting the club active after a long down time due to the Pandemic and the month was kicked off with organized runs to Prescott for a lunch gathering at two different locations. Thanks to our new VP of Events, Ed Lutz for leading the group from the Valley to Prescott. Additionally, we have restarted our Wednesday lunch gatherings and our first one was in East Valley at Spokes in Tempe, thanks to Hope and Jeff Morris. Members should look forward to postings for more Wednesday lunches in July and August.

June was also a special month in that we celebrated the Sahuaro Miata Club's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Horne Avondale Mazda, over 70 members showed up to this celebratory event. I can't thank Horne Avondale Mazda enough for hosting the kick off of our club's 30<sup>th</sup> year and for providing lunch and raffle items for our members. Additionally member, Mike Vax and his group from the Prescott Jazz Society provided music to those in attendance and it was not only enjoyed by our members but also enjoyed by the dealer staff and their customers. There were plenty of giveaway's and it was great to see so many members gathering to celebrate our 30 years. I will be working with other Mazda dealers in Arizona to host other events throughout the year.

Even during our extremely hot months of the year, there is still many things we as members can do to continue enjoying the camaraderie of each other and gathering at locations throughout this beautiful state. There is so much to see and do that includes museums, historical areas, famous restaurants, etc. If you have an idea of something you think our members would like to do, contact the VP of Events, Ed Lutz to share your idea. Ed will be happy to work through the details with you for you to host the event.

Lastly, we do have several events being schedule in October, November and December. Many of these events are filling up fast and I would encourage members to check out Meet UP site to see upcoming events to reserve your spot at the event.

**See you all around the next curve!**

Sue Hinkle,

President@sahuaromiataclub.com





Ed Lutz

# V. P. Events Message Ed Lutz

**A** measure of health for any organization is the vitality of engagement of its members in the mission of the group. In other words, the more people get involved and buy into the mission of the group, the more fun everyone experiences and the group thrives! By this metric alone, the Sahuaro Miata Club is healthy, and participation is way up as more of our members begin taking more ownership for a variety of meet-ups and runs throughout Arizona!

**The** club has many exciting events slated that are club favorites! We have weekly lunches planned all over the Valley and the Prescott area hosted by club members, so no matter where you live there is a place to you to meet up with other members and enjoy socializing and sharing a meal. Other exciting upcoming events include a Track Day at Inde Motorsports Ranch in Wilcox on September 4, the famous Annual Devil's Highway Run from October 1-3, and the always exciting Miata Car Show at Berge Mazda on Oct. 23. November continues more outstanding events with the Sonoita Wine Tour on November 6 and a second Track Day at Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park on November 28. And our annual end-of-the year holiday party is slate for December 4<sup>th</sup>. Look for details soon on Meet-up! All of these events are organized and coordinated by fellow Miata club members and each one is packed with fun and fellowship.

**The** club is driven by the passion and interests of its members. And we as a board desire nothing more than to come along side members to help bring their ideas for socials and driving experiences to fruition. And to help assist in these ideas, the board has created the role of Vice President of Events.

**The** VP of Events works with members to develop, promote, and execute all events for the good of the membership. As members consider potential club events, they simply need to send a preliminary write up to the VP of Events, who will then finalize all the necessary details before announcing the event to the entire club. The success of the club truly depends upon the participation of its membership to propose ideas for events. The more members engage in creating events, the more active we are as a Miata club.

**So,** what do you say? Are you ready to take that next step of involvement and help coordinate an upcoming event? Perhaps until now you have joined us for multiple events and have had a great time. But are you ready to take that next level of engagement and submit a suggestion or two for a future club event? What little secrets have you discovered about Arizona backroads and towns? Do you have a special hideaway to escape the Valley? Do you know about a hidden gem off the grid that you can share with the club? Let us help you share the experience with the rest of our club? Is there an in-town destination that our club might enjoy doing an indoor activity to escape heat?

**The** growth and health of the Sahuaro Miata Club relies upon the input and leadership from within its membership. Over its 30-year history, our club has long been recognized as one of the most active clubs in America. Help us keep it that way by taking a next step of involvement and proposing an upcoming event. We are here to help in any way, and we are sure our club will only benefit as more members invest that little extra time to help bring a whole lot more fun for everyone! Happy Driving...Zoom! Zoom!

(send any event proposal ideas to [Vpevents@sahuaromiataclub.com](mailto:Vpevents@sahuaromiataclub.com))



# Editor's Message

Jeff Morris

Hello Everyone,

I trust this issue finds you and your family well. God willing, we are opening more avenues up for fun with our cars. This newsletter is my sixth since taking over the position of Editor. For me this newsletter is important to the club for several reasons. The newsletter performs many services.

**I**t quickly brings new members up to speed. New members find out about previous and future activities.

**H**ow to lead events by communicating with our Vice President / Events coordinator.

**C**ontributing to the newsletter through biographies, tech tips etc.

**F**ind out about new merchandize.

**Q**uick access to our social media platforms. (Website, Meetup and Facebook

**O**ur many sponsors and what they can provide our members.

Unfortunately, none of this works as it should without the participation of you, our members. So please go through this newsletter and take advantage of the worthwhile information contained within.

Of Special interest is:

**Presidents Message page 2.** Shows you the direction of our club.

**Merchandise Corner page 7.** Learn what merchandise is available to our members and how to order it.

**Leading an event page 10.** Get involved in runs, overnights, dining, this is so much fun.

**Biographies page 11.** Read up on new members and find out about their interests. (My favorite)

**Social Media page 23.** Find out how to find our various social pages on the internet.

**Sponsors page 36.** Where to go for goods and services. This will become much more important  
In the near future.

We have three Editorial Assistants that provide the newsletter with information. Without these three individuals my job would be much more difficult. I thank these volunteers for helping me to keep what little sanity I have. Our three Editorial Assistants (E.A,'s) are:

Dale Strickland, Ed Raker and Carl Fiore. Please see **page 9** on how to send them content. Your content make this club a great organization to be involved with.

As always feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely, Jeff Morris

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*Our Secretary* **Tim Kroll**

*Our Treasurer* **Sue Taylor**

## OUR MISSION ...

**The mission of the Sahuaro Miata Club** is to increase the fun of driving and owning a Mazda MX-5 Miata. This is achieved by combining fun runs and outings that allow us to take advantage of our roadsters phenomenal performance. Through meetings, meals and activities we meet like minded club members. We share our Miata experiences and develop friendships along the way that makes us all proud to be Miata owners and members of the Sahuaro Miata Club.



To all the members out there who are looking for another thing to add to your "To do in the age of COVID", consider joining our monthly Board Meeting. They are on ZOOM and in addition to the business of the Club, there is usually lots of lighthearted hilarity as Board members frequently take pot shots at each other and anything else that is current in the world of Miatas and the world in general. It may give you a little more insight how the Club is managed as well as those who provide our management. With person to person contact opening up and getting closer to "normal", it would be wonderful if more folks would open up, meet more members and Host or co-host an event in 2021.



Sue is using her accounting skills to benefit the club. She enjoys going to events and meeting new people and plans to be more involved in future events since retiring within the last year. We appreciate the outstanding job Sue has done. We owe Sue a big "Thank You" for all of her efforts.



Wade Phyfer with Tom Matano



# Our Membership Coordinator

Wade Phyfer

First off, I would like to greet our new and returning members that joined since June 1st. Ken and Tina Francis, Howard Hurwitz and Heather Sloane, Michael Orr and MaryAn Sala, Bobby Scott, Jon and Cathy Winkeller, and Richard Kendal. Thank you and welcome to our Sahuaro Miata Club family. I would love to see a biography from all of you in our next newsletter, tell us your passions and how you all came to be Miata people. This also applies to all club members. Please send your “Bios” to our Editorial Assistant Ed Raker at [rakere66@gmail.com](mailto:rakere66@gmail.com). Please include a couple of paragraphs of fun facts and a few photos of you, a co-pilot if applicable, your Miata and yes, any dog’s.

It is time to get out and organize some runs, be it a lunch or a 3-day event. Please submit any ideas or sign up to be a run leader. Being a run leader is easy and if you’re unsure, just contact any of the board members, we are all ready to assist. Please see Jeff’s excellent write up on hosting events on page 10 for more information.

We are slowly coming into, what I hope is a post Covid time, we all need to take our Miatas on the road!

I have windshield postcards available to place on those random Miatas you find in parking lots, garages, etc. Please try to hand these out, we are always trying to spread the SMC word! BTW, if you are scouring neighborhoods looking for Miata’s and find one in a garage with an open door always ring the bell. Do not walk into their garage, after all we do live in Arizona.

Happy Driving,  
Wade Phyfer  
Membership Coordinator

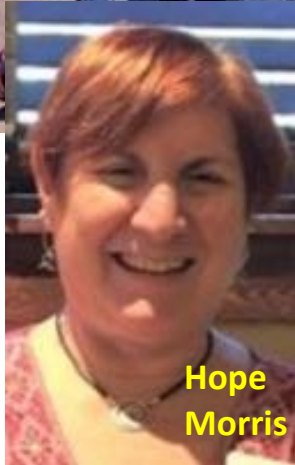
**We welcome our new members since June 1st, 2021**  
**Thank You! We hope you have a great time as members of the Sahuaro Miata Club! We currently have a total of 184 family memberships.**

Ken & Tina Francis	Howard Hurwitz & Heather Sloane	Michael Orr & MaryAn Sala	Bobby Scott
Jon & Cathy Winkeller	Richard Kendall		



No matter what version Of Miata You drive Current or vintage, They are all Uniquely Capable of Loads of fun!





Hope  
Morris

**Did you know you can order Sahuaro Miata Club merchandise right on our website?**

**Just stop by:**

**<http://www.sahuaromiataclub.com/merchandise-for-sale>**

**And order your gear today!**



**Get ready for October!!!  
Devil's Highway Merchandise is available now!!!  
Everything is special order only, and subject to availability.**



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if you have a special color request, please let me  
know and I will check availability.**

**These shirts will be embroidered with the 2021 logo  
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Women's styles are also available.**

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available. \$10/magnet**

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<http://www.sahuaromiataclub.com/merchandise-for-sale>**



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<http://www.sahuaromiataclub.com/merchandise-for-sale>  
**And order your gear today!**



Ladies Golf Shirt with SMC Logo embroidered left chest \$20.00



Golf Shirt with SMC Logo embroidered left chest \$20.00



Sahuaro Miata Club Embroidered T-Shirt \$10.00



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Wash Your State T-Shirts \$15.00



Sahuaro Miata Club Long Sleeve Embroidered T-Shirt \$20.00



Ladies Sahuaro Miata Club t-shirt - glitter applique \$20.00



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**with any questions or comments**

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# How to Contribute To the Newsletter.

Jeff Morris Editor

Hello Everyone,

A lot has been happening in the Sahuaro Miata Club. We have been scheduling more events, future events are starting to fill our meetup pages and this amazing weather has allowed all of us to start to take to the road. We do see light at the end of the tunnel. I am sure by this fall we will be almost back to normal. Just keep in mind we will use good common sense during all club events. I continue to add new columns to the newsletter that I trust will be of interest. Many thanks go out to our new Editorial Assistants.

<b>Dale Strickland</b>	Events	Receives Event info from run leaders	Dales573@gmail.com
<b>Ed Raker</b>	Biography	Gathers Bios from Membership	Rakere66@gmail.com
<b>Carl Fiore</b>	Technology	Compiles Tech Tips from Membership	C.fiore@cox.net

These members who are offering their time and assistance will make a great contribution to our newsletter, Also, a big shout out goes to our President Sue Hinkle. Sue has been working with Ed Lutz who is going to be our next Vice President and Events Coordinator. We thank Sue for presenting this opportunity to Ed, and Ed for accepting the position. I also wish to thank Mark Kucera who is working with Ed to bring him up to speed on the events coordinator position. We all look forward to many fun events under Ed's tutelage.

**I ask all members to not only contribute to our newsletter, but to host and run events as well.**

## Please send your content to our Editorial Assistants:

### E. A. Events

Dale Strickland      dales573@gmail.com

Dale should receive all event write-ups. Miata runs, Overnights, Visits to Museums, any special events. The event host writes up a synopsis and sends it to Dale. All event photos should be uploaded to Meetup by attendees.

### E. A. Biography's

Ed Raker      rakere66@gmail.com

Ed should receive all member biographies along with associated photos.

### E. A. Technology

Carl Fiore      c.fiore@cox.net

Carl should receive all information related to our Tech-Tips column. This not only includes items for the column but Miata modifications your car has received. All related photos should also go directly to Carl.

### Editor

Jeff Morris      editor@sahuaromiataclub.com

I should receive everything else:

Photos of Vanity License Plates, Photos of You or your co-pilot in your teens or as children. Special interest stories, Cartoons, Suggestions, info and pictures of places you wish to share with us. Don't forget your Dog photos, (Very Important), I need pictures of your Miata for our "Miata Versions" page. If you have an interesting hobby that we can highlight that would also be of interest. I am looking for contact related to our members. It is easy to cut and past off of the internet. Content from our members makes our newsletter special!



# "We want you" to Lead or Host an Event

By Jeff Morris

## Leading a run is fun!

We can go for a run around the Valley, Cruise down to Tucson or spring up to Springerville! There is a lot of satisfaction in knowing you helped the club with a successful event. Do you have a favorite lunch spot you wish to share with the club? Well lets make it happen. Please read the sections below on Runs versus Hosting events. The SMC expects every Miata membership to lead or co-lead an event each year. **Please Contact Ed Lutz at: [vpevents@sahuaromiataclub.com](mailto:vpevents@sahuaromiataclub.com) for additional information**

## Leading a Run

A "Run" can be just a "Drive" or a "Drive" to an event.

**Submit** your idea and time for the event to our V.P. Events Co-Ordinator

**Upon approval** you (and if applicable) your co-host will research the route we will take, restaurant's we will dine at (and if applicable) what hotels we will stay at.

**Write up** a Meetup "Event" this explains the "Where, What's and When's" of the event.

**Submit** your write up to our V.P. Events coordinator Steve Talmadge who will approve it and post it onto meetup.

**Monitor** the events activities on Meetup. Be prepared to answer questions from club members via our Meetup email's or respond under the comments section of the meetup writeup.

**lead** the run as outlined in the club newsletter and be in effect the official club "Chaperone" for the event.

**Bask** in the glory of a job well done.

## Hosting an Event

An "Event" can be a Lunch at a regional restaurant or a trip to a Museum, Theater etc.

**Submit** your idea and time for the event to our V.P. Events Co-Ordinator.

**Upon approval** you will research the Restaurant, Museum, Event making sure their hours of operation and facilities can handle our needs. Making reservations as needed.

**Write up** a Meetup "Event" this explains the "Where, What's and When's" of the event.

**Submit** your event "Write Up" to our V.P. Events coordinator Ed Lutz who will approve it and post it onto meetup.

**Monitor** the event on Meetup. Be prepared to answer questions from club members via our Meetup email's or respond under the comments section of the meetup writeup.

**Organize** all members as they arrive to the event. Explain the event and what rules to follow.

**Bask** in the glory of a job well done.



Yum!



# Member

## Biographies

Welcome Randy & Michael Hack

Both my son, Michael and I were born and raised in Phoenix. I am a single Dad and doing a lot of juggling between making a good home for Michael and trying to curb my ever consuming work in handling workers' compensation claims for the City of Phoenix. We both are looking forward to getaways with the Sahauro (shouldn't that be Saguaro?) Miata Club. My background includes hiking over 600 miles on various mountain trails in Arizona, a musical background where I learned to read and play guitar chord melodies and was eventually nationally recognized by an independent artist association. I played a couple of summers, years ago, at Carston's country club. When time permits, I enjoy time at the gym.

Michael is quite skilled at age 11. Two years ago, he won a national title in a karate tournament in Albuquerque NM, he then transferred his skills to parkour and is one of two blue ninjas in Arizona. So, should you ever need to learn how to do a wall flip or just jump off of things in general, he would be good to consult with. Michael loves the Miata and looks forward to putting a 289 Cobra in it (in the years ahead). Another long term goal is to get him set up at Bondurant school of driving. In the meantime, just zooming around in the MX5 is good. In general, we are quite active. Our time "sitting around" is while we are in our sporty MX5!



Randy Hack and his  
1999 Turbocharged NB



Randy's first Miata  
an NA

### Editors Note:

There is some confusion as to why some spellings for Sahauro are also spelled Saguaro. Both terms are Nouns and both spellings are interchangeable. Of course we all know, Sahauro is the preferred spelling. We all welcome Randy and Michael as new members and we trust they will have a great time as members. Please check out Randy's contribution in this month's Tech Talk column.



**Susan and Paul DeLaurentis**



# Member Biographies

## Welcome Paul & Susan DeLaurentis

**We** are Paul and Susan DeLaurentis, both born and raised in SE Pennsylvania.

Following college, we married in 1972. After raising our 2 sons and pursuing careers, we purchased a motorhome and hit the road. While full timing in our RV for 4 years, we loved “workamping” in Yellowstone and Washington DC, but “workamping” in Arizona was a game changer-no snow. In 2019 we purchased a home in Mesa and never looked back!

**We** have traveled to 48 states in the contiguous US and continue to travel by plane, boat and car! Speaking of cars, Paul purchased our NC red Miata convertible, standard shift, in 2019. We love tooling all over AZ in “Betty”... Why Betty? We purchased the car from the original owner who is named Betty. She had the car decked out in “BettyBoop” motif. We toned done the decor, but the name Betty stuck.

**We** are looking forward to being part of the Sahuaro Miata Club and enjoying the many activities!



**Susan and Paul DeLaurentis Red NC**



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Amy & Steve Majeski



# Member

# Biographies

Welcome Steve & Amy Majeski

Hi Sahuarro Miata Club Friends, we are Steve and Amy Majeski. We have been married for over 28 years and have three great adult children. I grew up in Gig Harbor, Washington and Amy grew up in Kona, Hawaii. Both places I would highly recommend visiting. We spent our early married life in a suburb of Tacoma, Washington before we moved my family and my business to the Bend, Oregon area (another place I would say is very much worth visiting). We lived there until I could not take the snow any longer and made the move down here to Gilbert, Arizona. Extraordinarily little rain, no snow, and tons of nice days. Gilbert has been the best of our residences so far.

A little bit on how I came around to the Miata. February 2017, I had a major heart attack. Doctors said "I should have died" because, at 47, you are not supposed to have heart attacks but when you do you typically do not make it. I decided when I left the hospital that I was getting a motorcycle, something I had been told my whole life that was too dangerous and irresponsible to own. So, for a few years I had my bikes, enjoyed them a ton. My son decided to get into motorcycles too, so I had an instant riding buddy since Amy would not go anywhere near the bikes. Eighteen months ago, my son left for the Navy, not much chance of him being stationed in the middle of Arizona, so, in February, I decided to change things up. I purchased a 2006 Miata. I wanted a newer ND model but having never owned a Miata, I thought it would be safer to find out if I liked it with a less expensive trial car. After two weeks of ownership, I sold both motorcycles. This car reminds me so much of my 1974 Porsche 914, only it is so much better, and Amy can be with me now, so it is awesome. A little about the car. 2006 MX-5 Miata Sport LTD. Galaxy Gray, 6 SP Manual with a Cobalt short shifter installed. Motor is mostly untouched except for the DC Motorsports cold air intake. It has been changed over to Koni dampers which lowered the chassis about an inch, it handles incredibly. I removed the stock shock tower braces and installed an RTP brace in it's place. Stiffened up the front quite a bit. I have a Goodwin Racing single pipe exhaust at the back which makes this little car purr. I am considering going all out and making this car a track car and purchasing a newer model for my daily driver. I never understood the love affair folks had with these cars until I bought this gem. Now, my garage will always have at least one Miata waiting for me. Oh, I also did something that my dad did, seriously thought it was dumb until now, I

named my car. Sylvia, I do not know why but it just fits. Amy and I are looking forward to being a part of the Sahuarro Miata Club. Meeting new friends, taking more day trips. Life is going to be fun. It will be a blast seeing all of you and your cool cars. We are still learning a lot about Sylvia. So, I will accept any advice and tips offered. See you at our next get together.



Amy & Steve's 2006 Galaxy Grey NC





# Member Biographies Welcome Sharon Zinser

My love of British sports cars began the moment I climbed into a brand new, 1979 black, limited edition MGB at the Cleveland Auto Show my senior year in high school. All throughout college at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. I had a photo of an MG on my bulletin board. I would sigh and stare wistfully when I saw any British sports car on the road for the next 30 or so years. During that time, I started my career as an accountant, miraculously passed the CPA exam, married, went on to business school and gave birth to my daughter 3 months after completing my MBA. While I spent most of my career in Cleveland, I moved to Rochester, NY for six years for a job. My daughter graduated from high School there before she headed to Ohio State. In 2014, while still in Rochester, I saw a yellow MGB in a shopping center parking lot and couldn't take my eyes off it. I was in desperate need of a hobby to give me time away from the long hours of my job as a Chief Financial Officer for a large apartment management company and so I reached out to the local MG Club for leads on a car to purchase and was pointed to a red 1977 MGB located in Syracuse, NY. When I confessed to the seller that I had not driven a stick shift in over 20 years, he was reluctant to let me drive it but gave me a ride and I fell in love (with the car, not the guy!). After putting the MG on a flatbed for the drive to Rochester, the driver delivered the car on to the street outside my home and I realized how crazy it was to buy a car I hadn't driven and without knowing if I still even knew how to drive it! I should never have doubted myself and spent the next 4 years becoming active in the MG Club, serving as Secretary and participating in lots of rallies, car shows and social events. After getting stranded on the road one too many times, it was with a really heavy heart that I decided to let the MG go by donating it to charity. After reading Dan Neil's 2017 autoreview in the Wall Street Journal titled "Mazda's MX-5 Miata RF: A Peter-Pan Car" (if you'd like a copy, let me know—a hilarious read!), I decided I should replace the MG with a 2017 Soul Red Miata GT with a manual transmission. It looks exactly like my MG—red body, black top and black interior—but the similarities obviously end there. I absolutely adore this car! After my daughter graduated from college in August, 2020, I decided to join my parents in Phoenix and the car came west in September, 2020 on a car carrier while I drove my other car from Cleveland to Phoenix. I am now settled herein Arizona, exploring opportunities for the next chapter in my career and very excited by the prospect of getting to know well what have already proven to be the very welcoming and interesting group of people in the Sahuaro Miata Club! It always seems to be a challenge for me to find a navigator for Club drives so please let me know if you would consider joining me in that capacity or if I can likewise serve as a navigator for you and I look forward to seeing all of you soon.



# Events Recap

Old Country Inn, Pine, AZ  
June 4, 2021

We had a great run to Pine AZ for lunch today. Ed Lutz did a great job running the event.

See all the pictures below showing the group that went to the Old Country Inn for Woodfired Pizza. They have a large outdoor patio that can seat up to 40 people. And there is indoor seating too. One of the outdoor tables can seat 20 people. This restaurant would be a good destination for a large club lunch. The manager is Brandon Wells - phone 928-476-6560 or 928-951-4739, email address [brandon@oldcountryinn.com](mailto:brandon@oldcountryinn.com). He said they can take up to 40 people with a reservation at 11 AM on Wed., Thurs, or Friday, except weekends and especially not on holiday weekends. He may make us a later reservation if we ask. Don't call the main number listed on their website because they almost never answer the phone. Call the manager's number or send him an email message.

If we arrive at 11 AM when they open we can all be seated easily. They will give us separate checks. The waitress and management were very friendly and accommodating. Everyone seemed to enjoy the pizza and they got them out pretty fast.

I would recommend the club go there again.



Good Food



Great Comradery



Good Service



A nice place for lunch

# Events Recap

That Brewery in Pine, AZ

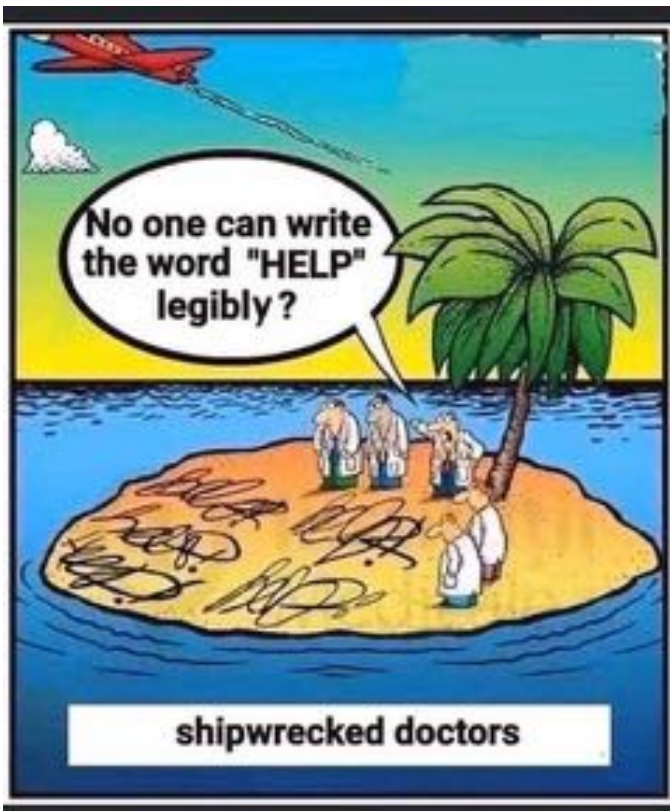
June 4, 2021

Anzio's July 14th, 2021

That Brewery also in Pine, had another group of club members, hosted by Larry Lloyd, of about 23 dinners, both new and old members. They were getting to know each other and enjoying burgers and sandwiches. The outdoor patio had plenty of shade and comfy seating for everyone. Several other customers were accompanied by furry four legged family members, which provided entertainment for all.



--July 14<sup>th</sup>—Northwest Valley 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Lunch at **Anzio's** hosted by Tony Munro. *This fine Italian restaurant is a Club favorite as evidenced by 18 RSVP's already 3 weeks in advance.* Attendees will be guaranteed delicious food, excellent service, and comfortable surroundings. Our Host Tony, known for his friendly manner and warm greetings, also knows good restaurants. You won't be disappointed.





# Events Recap

30th Anniversary Celebration  
Horne Mazda Avondale, AZ  
June 12, 2021

## June 12th Sahuaro Miata Club 30th Anniversary Celebration

President Sue Hinkle deserves a big hand for initiating and taking responsibility for all of the arrangements. This was a spectacular party. Of course, it would not have been possible without the support and cooperation of Dealership Management and Staff, who opened up their beautiful showroom and premises to us. There was ample food and refreshments all supplied by our friends at Horne Mazda of Avondale. Our very own Mike Vax provided musical entertainment by leading his Smooth Jazz group playing easy listening tunes for everyone's pleasure. Mike's group really set off the event as their terrific music filled the entire dealership. Kudos to ALL who worked to make this Special event a success. Special thanks go to those who came in early to make sure the event went smoothly without a hitch. We had a great turn out.





# Events Recap

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30th Anniversary Gala Celebration at Horne Mazda June 12, 2021



President Sue Hinkle cutting our 30th Anniversary Cake.

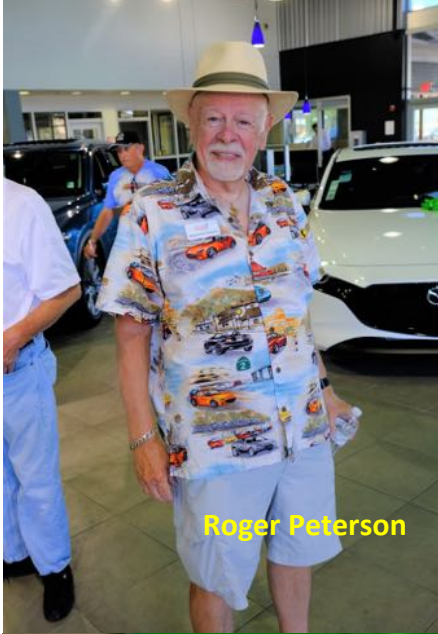
Here we have our President and biggest cheerleader Sue Hinkle snapping the principals of Horne Mazda into shape. Sue made sure they were dressed well with polished shoes ready to impress all who attended.



President Sue Hinkle rounding up Horne Mazda Avondale GM Kim Yett, Sales Mgr Johnny Sanders & Finance Mgr Jarvis Newman

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Roger Peterson



Mark Kucera

Bob Benoit

Jeanette Benoit



Kevin Smith

Dale Strickland



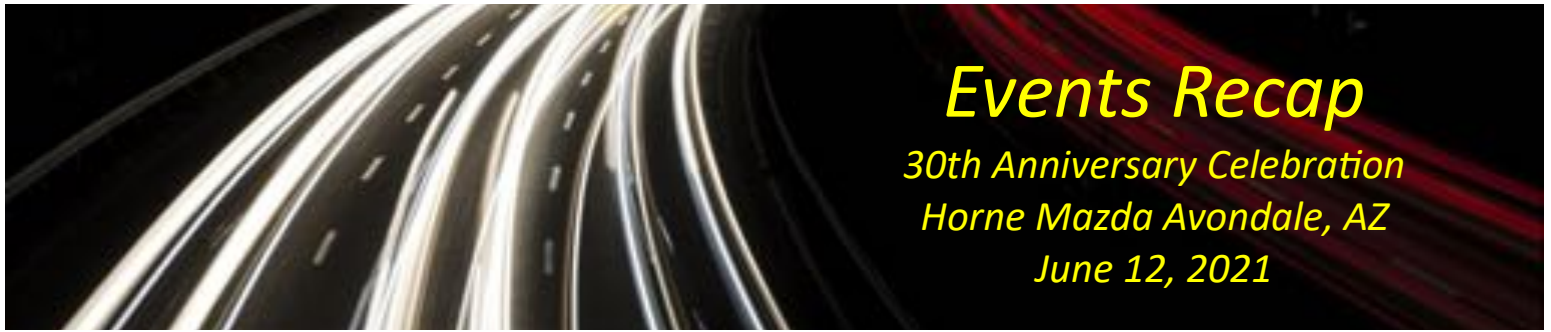
We primarily congregated in the front lobby where club friends got a chance to meet and greet one another.



Ron Spannraft  
Watching V.P. Ed Lutz  
performing his special  
"Hawaiian Hula".



Ridge Reddick, Jeanette and Bob  
Benoit watching Vice President Ed  
Lutz showing everyone his special  
"Hawaiian Hula".



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Wade Phyfer

Tom Mitchell



Dining on the patio....



Jerry Gantt

Keith Gurchik



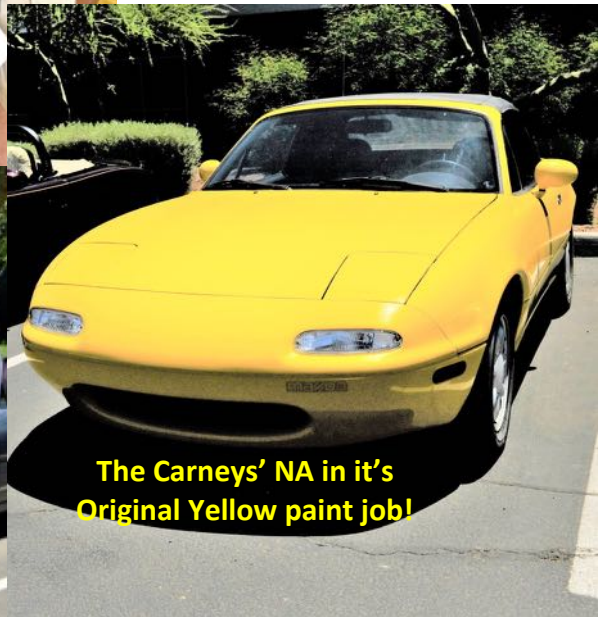
Dawn Carney

Ridge Reddick



Larry Lloyd

The Lovely  
V.P. Eddie Lutz



The Carneys' NA in its  
Original Yellow paint job!

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Nathan Georgi, Mark Welch, Karen Georgi



Tom Mitgell

Jerry Gantt



Keith Gurdik



Mitch Siegel

Margaret Siegel



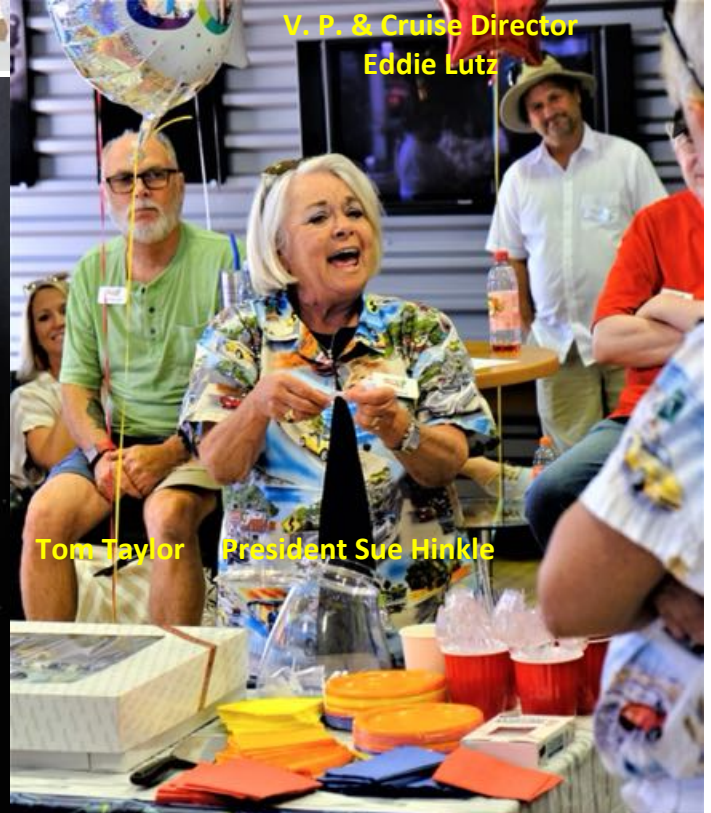
Beth Forwark

Bob Forwark



Ken Buxton

Polina Buxton



Tom Taylor

President Sue Hinkle

V. P. & Cruise Director  
Eddie Lutz




# Events Recap

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As noted earlier, this was a fun event. Mike and his group did a great job elevating the event with great sound. My hat goes out to President Hinkle, the board of directors and all who attended for their participation.

Please note, Horne Mazda of Avondale is a new sponsor with our club. Please check page 36 for more information regarding all of our excellent sponsors.



# Events Recap

"Spokes on Southern" June 16, 2021  
"Gabby's Grill" July 2, 2021

## --June 16<sup>th</sup>—Spokes on Southern

Lunch for East Valley Club members hosted by Hope & Jeff Morris. Approximately a dozen members got together for lively conversation and renewing friendships after our long quarantine. Lots of laughter and compliments were overheard while sharing experiences and adventures.

--July 2<sup>nd</sup>—Breakfast at **Gabby's Grill** in Prescott Valley is a departure from the usual 1st Friday lunch event, and hopefully will become an occasional change of pace. 20 Club members chose from a newly developed menu, which was different from the usual offerings. After breakfast members decided between returning to the Valley via AZ 89 South's twisties to Yarnell & Wickenburg, or taking AZ 89A North over Mingus Mountain to Jerome, Cottonwood, and Camp Verde to I-17 South toward Phoenix. Either option was fun and exciting. We hosted 18 members, 2 guests and 2 unexpected guests/new members for a total of 22.

Approximately half of the group drove up from the Valley, the remainder were locals from Prescott/PV, Flagstaff and Ash Fork. Most appeared to enjoy themselves, based on many conversations, which quieted down slightly



Bill Brinkman, Judy Zwickl, Roger Peterson, Sybylle de Marignac, Mike Vax & Paul Elmer



Charlie Hicks, Kathleen Umlauf, MaryAn Sala, Michael Orr



Bill Brinkman, Judy Zwickl, Roger Peterson, Sybylle de Marignac, Mike Vax & Paul Elmer



Dale Strickland, Rick Hall, Bob Hoffman, Kathleen Umlauf, Charlie Hicks

# Events Recap

"Gabby's Grill" July 2, 2021



Frank Wnuck, Carolyn Wnuck, David Raimondo



Tim Kroll, Tom Taylor, Bruce Dorn



Sue Taylor, Sibylle de Marignac, Mike Vax



Bruce Dorn, Paul Elmer, Donna Brinkman



Powerful men admiring Bruce Dorn's twin turbo NC Miata!



Who are these members? Taken September 27, 2008





# The Dashboard

Hope Morris, Webmaster

## How to stop unwanted **Meetup** e-Mails!

Test this out to see if your changes eliminate the number of unwanted emails you receive. If you have any additional Meetup questions, please feel free to email me at: [webmaster@sahuaromiataclub.com](mailto:webmaster@sahuaromiataclub.com).

Some people have been commenting that **Meetup** sends them too many emails. There is a way for you to manage what content you wish **Meetup** to send to you.

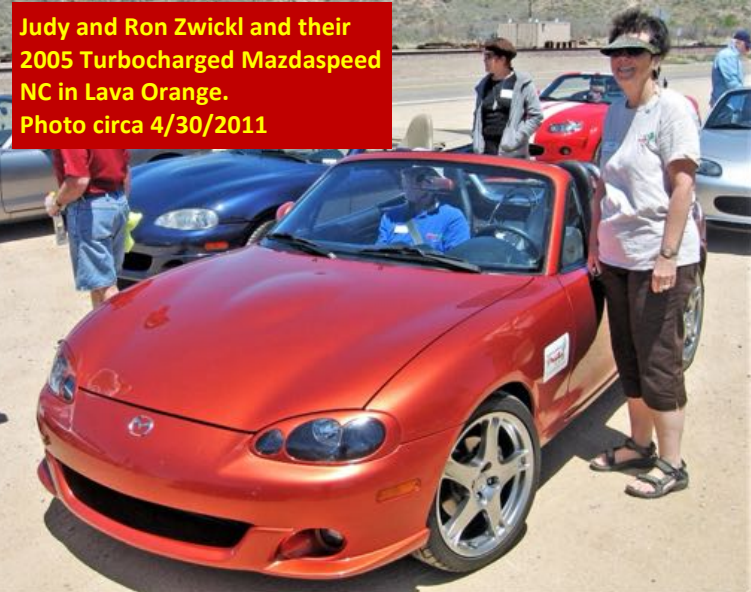
Here's how to do it:

1. To initiate the process, just click on your picture in the upper right hand corner of the screen (on a computer)
2. Then select "settings".
3. Under "settings", you will see a selection on the left side bar - "email updates". Clicking on the email updates will bring in a list of events that cause **Meetup** to send you an email.
4. Uncheck any of the listed boxes - and that will stop **Meetup** from emailing you for each of those particular events.  
Specifically, in the middle, there is New **Meetup** Groups, by unchecking that box, you will no longer get emails announcing a new meetup group that may have something to do with your "interests", indicators you selected when you signed up for the application.
5. Once you have made your changes, you can go back to your photo and click on it to return to the Sahuaro MX5 Miata Club.

**Our club uses meetup to manage attendance at our events. Most of you are already familiar with the RSVP options for our events. Each time you click the check mark to RSVP, you are adding "1 " to our count. If you and your co-pilot are attending an event, then you need to add 1 guest, that is if your co-pilot does not register themselves individually.**



From an HPDE driving event?  
Can anyone name the owner?



Judy and Ron Zwickl and their  
2005 Turbocharged Mazdaspeed  
NC in Lava Orange.  
Photo circa 4/30/2011

# Birthdays for June, July 2021



## June 2021

Sibylle DeMarignac  
 Paul Gaskill  
 Patrick Helms  
 John Larkin  
 Jeff Marcy  
 Doug Norwood  
 Wade Phyfer  
 Dorothy Roloff  
 Margaret Siegel  
 Jay Sterns  
 Ted Tate  
 Sue Taylor  
 Patrick Thompson  
 Mark Welch  
 Sonya Wilson

Judy Zwickl

## July 2021

Kevin Allsop  
 Jeanette Benoit  
 Cheri Caldwell  
 Tina Francis  
 Jerry Gantt  
 Carolyn Gurney  
 Cloe Harrington  
 Charley Hicks  
 Wayne Hostetter  
 Richard Kendall  
 Richard Krug  
 Cathey Kucera  
 Ann McLaughlin  
 Jefferson Morgan

Sharae Morgan

Jeff Morris

Derek Neighbors

Bruce Phillips

Ronald Spanraft

Chris Steers

Cindy Tate

Steve Weinstein

## August 2021

Ron Booher  
 Robyn Currie  
 Taurey Curtis  
 Paul DeLaurentis  
 Dorothy Fein  
 Laurel Fiore  
 Coni Grossman

Keith Gurchick

Jack Hinkle

Brenda Holman

Heather Hurwitz

Howard Hurwitz

Stephanie Lane

John Logsdon

Tom Mitchell

Judith O'Donnell

Duncan Schoepe

Bobby Scott

Mitch Siegel

Kirk Tepper

Kathleen Umlauf

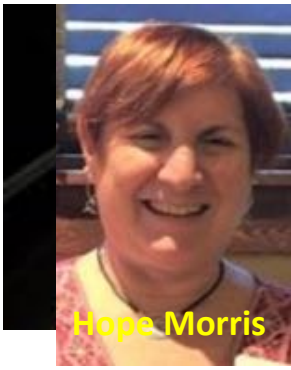
Louis Vetter

John Wilson



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY





# Social Media

Hope Morris  
Webmaster

**Did you know we have multiple Social Media sites? They are an easy way to provide you more info on our club. They are a great way to find the info you need.**

## “Meetup”

**Meetup is our communications life blood, our social media calendar of events.**

It's exclusively opened to all members and is free to use. Find out about current and past events, look up event photos and download the photos you take at our functions. It is a great way to find out what's going on in the club. Also communicate with fellow members via Meetup.

[www.meetup.com/sahuaro-mx5-miata-club](http://www.meetup.com/sahuaro-mx5-miata-club)

## “Facebook”

**We have two Facebook pages, “Interest Group” & “Buy and Sell”**

### 1.) Our “Sahuaro Miata Interest Group” page:

Proud Miata owners regularly post topics for varied interests and tastes, such as:

- Articles and pictures of recent Miata runs and events
- Announcements of upcoming events
- Pictures and details on DIY Miata projects



[www.facebook.com/groups/sahuaromiatainterestgroup](http://www.facebook.com/groups/sahuaromiatainterestgroup)

### 2.) Our “Sahuaro Miata Club Buy and Sell” Page:

Looking to sell that special part you no longer need? Looking to buy? This is the place to go.

[www.facebook.com/groups/SMCbuyandsell](http://www.facebook.com/groups/SMCbuyandsell)

## “Sahuaro Miata Club Website”

A wealth of information at your fingertips. Find out about membership, event photos (Most recent photos are found on Meetup) sponsors, handheld radio info, club merchandize for sale and so much more.

[www.sahuaromiataclub.com](http://www.sahuaromiataclub.com)

# You're So Vain....

Show us your tags!

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Dennis & Mary Manning



Tim Kroll



Sue & Jack Hinkle



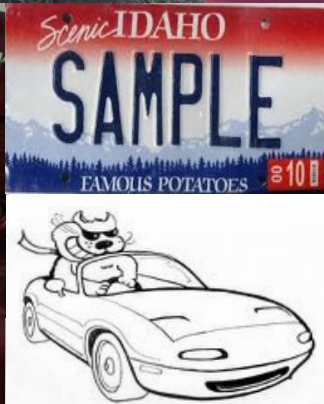
Randy Hack



Jeff & Hope Morris



Lori Sucharski



Kevin Smith



# Guess Who?

Our members from  
years past...



## “Who’s that Member?”

*Yes, It’s that fun filled contest where you can win a great prize by guessing who these members are. In the next few months, once we receive 25 member photos our contest will begin. So, if you have a photo of you or your co-pilot please send it to: [Editor@sahuaromiataclub.com](mailto:Editor@sahuaromiataclub.com)\**

*\*Please include your \$75 entry fee made out to Jeff Morris err “Cash” for processing. Limited to SMC members. Not valid in Guam, Utah, or Bosnia Herzegovina. Entrants must be at least 18 years of age to enter. Lite on cash? Just send your photos.*

# Miata

Would you like to see your high-lighted on this page? Please send a photo of your car to:  
Editor@sahuaromiataclub.com

# Generations

Did you know we have four Versions of the MX-5 Miata?

## MAZDA MX-5 / Miata

1989-1998

1.6L 5MT (116 HP) 1.8L (131 HP)

Sold over 400,000 units. Codename Roadster modeled after the British roadsters of the 60's and 70's. (especially the Lotus Elan) the car was simple, reliable, and nimble. It could be a daily driver, it was that much fun. Noted for its famous Pop up headlights and cute design. For many this is the "Quintessential" MX-5 Miata. This stunning example was owned by Bob and Jeanette Benoit.



## MAZDA MX-5 / Miata

1998-2005

1.6L 5MT (110HP) 1.8L (146 HP)

Dubbed the NB. Sold another 400,000 units! Very similar to the NA with the Pop up headlights gone due to pedestrian safety concerns. A little wider, larger anti-roll bar, better brakes with optional ABS. Later years saw the Mazdaspeed (2004-2005). This lovely 2004 Mazdaspeed is owned by Mark and Pam Weinberg.

## MAZDA MX-5 / Miata

2006-2015

1.8L 5MT (125HP) 2.0L 5MT, 6MT, 6AT (160 HP)

A major design overhaul from the NB, the NC was almost 2" longer and 75#s heavier than the last version of the NB. Some consider the NC to be a chunkier yet far more refined version. Power Retractable Hardtop shown. Note the flared fenders, HID headlights and top center brake light. This lovely NC PRHT is owned by Dennis and Mary Manning.



## MAZDA MX-5 / Miata

2016-Present

1.5L Skyactiv-G (131HP), 2.0L Skyactiv-G (155HP) 2018 Skyactiv-G (181HP)

Another major Miata re-design, the ND is available as a Roadster (Soft Top) and RF (Retractable Fastback) This is a fully modern car with advanced safety features and styling. More compact to bring it in line with the original NA. As before, the ND is a blast to drive. This Sharp example is owned by Art Stromberg and Lynn Christensen.

# TECHTIPS

By Carl Fiore E.A.

“Painting my Wheels” Contributed by Tim Kroll



Carl Fiore

**M**y rims were not bad, no curb rash, just parts that were looking worn. The thought entered my mind that maybe I should paint them. Outside agents around the valley would do the job but most wanted around \$130 per wheel and would take up to 4-5 days. In addition, I would have to transport the wheels to them. I then began the search on line and watched many, many instructional videos on painting wheels. All were about the same as far as procedure was concerned. I then began to look for products, Miata Pit Stop, my go-to place for opinions on everything Miata lead me to the correct color, which is Duplicolor BFM 0236, a wheel paint designated for Ford vehicles. I then looked for a clear coat and again Duplicolor was chosen. All of these could be order on Amazon with only a day or two for delivery.

**N**ext was how to get the wheels off the car to paint. I ordered a couple of jack stands and a small, 4 ton floor jack. This one is small enough to put in the trunk if I wanted to take it on a run (just in case). I then needed reassurance as to where to safely lift the car. The manual gave the standard use of the scissors jack and pinch points. A neighbor who is a mechanic opined for under the differential for the rear and a frame rail on the front. And here is where the confusion arose. Some said use the differential, some not. I asked some of my knowledgeable Sahuaro Club members and determined that the differential was NOT the place to lift the car, this was confirmed by the service writer at Horn Mazda. Not only the wrong place, but a place that could cause some (expensive) damage. So the verdict was to use rear pinch point then slide the floor jack next to it and do one wheel at a time.

**O**K, ready time to get to work. Gather up the stuff and GO.

**P**ut on the emergency brake, blocked up the front wheels, loosened the lugs, put the hydraulic jack in place and began to lift the car. Once the wheels were up, I place the jack stand next to the jack. Pic 1

**N**ext was to thoroughly clean the wheel with a good cleaner and degreaser. Pic 2 and 2a.

**N**ext was wet sanding, started with 800 grit and finished with 2000 grit. Time consuming but I had not damage and this step was just to prepare the surface for paint. When complete, the wheel looked like this. Pic 3

**T**hen, clean and degrease again. Leave it in the sun for awhile then wipe it down.

**N**ext was masking, I used 1 ½ inch painters tape in 3-4 inch pieces. I tucked it under the rim until the entire wheel was covered. I then placed plastic around the tire and secured it to the tape. Also taped the valve stem. Pics 4 and 5.

**N**ext was paint application. I shook up the can for a good 4 or 5 minutes. A light coat first. This is when my troubles began. The paint did not come out in a nice fine mist as it should. It spit out small globs of paint. I tried to clean the nozzle, but the application was still not good. I let it dry for 10 minutes then applied the second coat, same problem. At this point I could have stopped, waited for complete drying, sanded again and started over. I figured I had come this far and I would move forward with a less than perfect job on this wheel. The second and third coats were a bit better, but still the surface was not even. The last coat was more of the same. After a 20 minute dry, I then applied 3 coats of clear coat. This just actually made the imperfect paint look glossy. From a distance the wheels look fine, it is close up that the imperfections can be seen. Pic 6.

**A**fter an few hours I was able to carefully put the wheel back on the car. Pic 7.

**S**o, this was the “learning wheel”, hopefully the remainder of the wheels will be better, which means I will probably have to redo this one. Total time in the “work” process was about 2 hours.

**Special Mahalo's to Mark Kucera and Carl Fiori who offered advice and kept me from making a few (possibly fatal) errors.**

# TECHTIPS

By Carl Fiore E.A.

“Painting my Wheels” Contributed by Tim Kroll



Carl Fiore



To paint the wheels, they had to come off of the car



Thorough washing with a good cleaner is a must!



Initial sanding with 800 grit then finishing with 2000 grit



Masked with the first coat



Additional coats of Dupli-color BFM 0236



Finished Product

Tim provided us a great write up on his adventure in wheel painting. He did everything right! Removed his wheels, removed all dirt and grease, sanded every surface for good adhesion. Tim then sprayed the wheels with the correct Duplicolor paint. What he did not know at the time was he received a set of three defective cans of spray paint. Close examination showed “Orange peel” which could have been the result of a defective batch of paint, improper storage in a warehouse etc. How did Tim fix the problem? Turn to the next page to find out!



# TECHTIPS

By Carl Fiore E.A.

Contributed by Randy Hack



The oneness of horse and rider is exemplified with those of us fortunate to have owned more than one Miata. My name is Randy, and my young son is Michael. At age 11, he holds onto the dream of inheriting our recent addition, which is a 1999 MX5 sport with a BPD engine. This is the third Miata I have had the pleasure of owning.

A long time ago, on a racetrack far, far away, I owned my first Miata. A red 1989 R (race) package. From there, to a calmer and smoother riding 1999 Mica blue Miata. A beautiful car to include a much more comfortable ride, with a few modifications.

Then came the monster. The 1999 sport package Racing Green MX5 with a BPD engine. What an incredible difference and fun ride!

The Mazda BPD engine (referred to as a BP2) was a revamp of the original BP engine. Which features a larger crank nose, larger piston oil squirters, a main bearing support plate, better flowing inlet and exhaust ports. It is commonly known as the 'big turbo' variant as it utilized a much larger IHI RHF6CB water-cooled turbocharger (vj23). The BPD was used as the basis for the engine, with changes such as sodium-filled exhaust valves, larger (and front-mounted) intercooler, larger (440 cc) low impedance fuel injectors and stronger engine internals helping to up the performance of the engine to produce 209 hp (156 kW) and 184 lb·ft (255 N·m). The VICS system of the N/A BP has been removed, as well as the boost cut from the ecu.

In addition to the engine, the new toy includes a 12 lb. Mazdaspeed turbo flywheel from Kupp Racing, the drilled and slotted rotors from HP Brake, KYB adjustable performance shocks, Magnaflow exhaust, 99 Miata OBX stainless steel header, dual core aluminum racing radiator. Konig titanium rims and Mazdaspeed high performance engine mounts (Godwin is good but Mazda is tried and true).

All of that aside, we so much look forward to our new Miata family and the great adventures ahead. Michael and I look forward to seeing you!



# TECHTIPS

By Carl Fiore E.A.

Contributed by Randy Hack



Carl Fiore



Randy Hack's 99 NB "Monster"



This is what editors put into a newsletter when they need emergency filler . Here we have Jeff and Hope Morris with two of their three kids, Kimba and Raven. Poms Rule!

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## Coming Next Month

- Look back over the last 30 years -
- More member biographies -
- New contest win great Miata Swag -

## Covid Policy

Dear club members. We all know that these are trying times to say the least. The Sahuaro Miata Club under the direction of your Board of Directors has made every effort to have as many safe activities as possible. It is challenging to say the least. We want everyone to understand that during these difficult times we must all work together. This means doing the right thing for our fellow club members. Please understand when we gather, we will always wear masks, we will practice social distancing and practice good hygiene. (Wash your hands, if not possible bring hand sanitizer) This is all to protect ourselves, and our SMC friends.

If you can not abide by this simple request, please stay home, and rejoin our club when it becomes safe to do so.

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