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**Annual Berge Mazda
 SMC Car Show**

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In This Issue!

Special "Recap of Events" over last six years

We need "You" to fill The President, Treasurer and Editor positions. (See Page 6)

All of this and So Much More!



Presidents Message

Sue Hinkle

It seems like 2021 has flown by and we are celebrating the holidays with family and friends.

Sahuaro Miata Club continues to grow even with the challenges of 2020. Welcome to our newest members; Darwin & Susan Stiffler, Jack and Genie McIver, Jeff & Barbara Butler, Patrick Colin, Caleb & Megan Bouwens, Michelle Stephans, Tony & Brenda DeLeon, Lucie Andrade & Steve Drayer, Michael Minges, Wallace Headrick, Paul Stonebreaker, Kim & Doug Brooks, Austin Hunt, Shawn Cannon, Douglas Dunyan, Justin Arend, & Phil Noto.

The club had several driving events and other activities during September, October and November. A special thank you to members who have organized runs, lunches and other activities. The biggest event of the year was Devil' Highway and well attended by club members and a group of San Diego Miata cars that joined us for a fun and spirited drive on a twisty and curvy roads from Springerville to Morenci and back. There were a few challenges along the way with two drivers getting flat tires. Member Tony Munro announced over the radio that he had a flat and cars began to pull over and assist. Hope Morris sprung into action at our next planned stopped and arranged an emergency tow for Tony to get back to the Springerville area. On the way back to Springerville, San Diego driver, Dave Hunt announced he hit a rock and has a flat, 4 cars pulled over to assist, however the tire needed to be replaced. As luck would have it a Good Samaritan stopped to help and took the driver with another car to get a replacement tire in Clifton. It was a long day but everyone made it safely back to Springerville. Special thanks to Jeff & Hope Morris for all their time and effort in organizing a great weekend for everyone.

There were many events planned for November that included lunch gatherings, Sonoita Wine Tour, Berge MX5 Miata Car Show and a Track Event at Wild Horse Pass. All were very successful. Our Annual Holiday Party and Election is on December 4th at Casino Arizona. To get everyone into the holiday spirit you won't want to miss the Holiday Lights Spectacular on December 11th. There is still time for you to participate in all these events, go to Meet Up and rsvp.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your club President this year, however I'm unable to commit to the position in 2022. I will remain on the board as Past President in 2022. If you are interested in a board position please reach out to one of the board members to discuss the open positions.

Wishing you and your family a joyous Holiday Season and A Bright New Year! Keep the top down ...the wind in your hair ...and the sun on your face, see you around the next curve!

Sue Hinkle, President Sahuaro Miata Club





Ed Lutz V.P.E.



V. P. Events Message Ed Lutz

This month I would like to thank our friend and Facebook administrator Mark Kucera. Mark went back through the last six years of Meetup and produced a list of our runs and events. This does not include many of our local lunches where a run was not involved. Please take a moment to peruse this list to garner an idea of what the club has participated in. We will duplicate some of these events in the coming year. That said, I need assistance from members both seasoned and new to our club. I need everyone to provide us fresh new ideas to keep the club vibrant and exciting.

You may contact me via my club email address at vpevents@sahuaromiataclub.com.

I look forward to working with you in 2022 and as always my email box is always open.

Warm Regards with appreciation, Ed Lutz Vice President, Events Coordinator, Sahuaro Miata Club.



Mark Kucera
Contributor

2016

To Lake Havasu & Laughlin Feb 2016

To Winslow 2 nights at La Posada Hotel tour Flagstaff attractions April 12, 2016

To Wickenburg & Prescott Brewing Co. for lunch April 20, 2016

To Sierra Vista for Wine Tasting Tour Bus to Elgin & Sonoita Winery s May 21, 2016

To North Rim of the Grand Canyon for an overnight stay, June 18, 2016

To Mormon Lake and Flagstaff for lunch at Satchmo's BBQ & Cajun July 23, 2016

To Phoenix North Mountain Park for sundown picnic. Aug 27, 2016

To Springerville for Devil's Highway Trip October 7, 2016 & Every Fall Since

2017

To Tortilla Flat Jan 7, 2017

To Bagdad for lunch at Diner On Main, then to Prescott and Lynx Lake Feb 25, 2017

To St Anthony's Monastery for tour & lunch afterward in Florence March 4, 2017

To Lake Havasu & Laughlin March 21 2017

To Sahuaro Lake for lunch at Lakeshore Restaurant & Desert Belle boat tour, March 25, 2017

To Cave Creek for city tour & lunch at Bryan's Black Mountain Barbecue, April 26, 2017

To Casa Grande Ruins for tour, visit Artisan Village & lunch at Tags Restaurant in Coolidge May 13, 2017

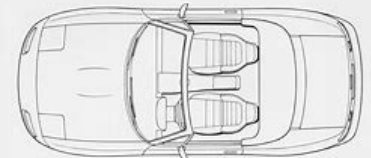
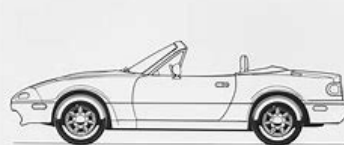
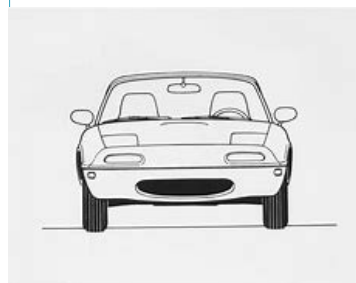
To Flagstaff for 2 day trip to Lowell Observatory & other attractions, June 19, 2017

To Globe for breakfast returning through Winkelman and Superior, July 1, 2017

To Martin Auto Museum in Phoenix for club meeting and lunch, July 15, 2017

To Bisbee Shady Dell Trailer Park overnight trip for Mine & Town Tour, October 12, 2017

To Sahuaro Lake for picnic lunch, October 21, 2017





V. P. Events Message Ed Lutz

2018

- To Canyon Lake and Tortilla Flat for lunch, Feb 3, 2018
- To the top of South Mountain in Phoenix and lunch afterward, Feb 24, 2018
- To Cave Creek for lunch at Harold's Corral and a run to Bartlett Lake afterward, Feb 26, 2018
- To Laughlin/Lake Havasu for overnight trip returning though Oatman, April 11, 2018
- To Rock Springs Cafe for lunch. April 16, 2018
- To Bagdad AZ for lunch at the Diner On Main, May 3, 2018
- To the Annual Historic Route 66 Fun Run, May 4, 2018
- To the top of Mount Lemmon near Tucson for lunch, June 23, 2018
- To Cottonwood. Overnight stay at "The View" and the Verde Canyon Railroad ride, July 28, 2018
- To Pine for lunch at "That Brewery", August 3, 2018
- To Mormon Lake Lodge for lunch, September 8, 2018
- To Bagdad from Prescott for lunch at the Diner On Main, October 20, 2018
- To Globe for breakfast at Copper Hen Cafe, November 24, 2018
- To Cave Creek for lunch at El Encanto Mexican Restaurant, November 30, 2018

2019

- To Superstition Mountains and Goldfield Ghost Town For Lunch, January 19, 2019
- To Pima Air And Space Museum in Tucson, April 20, 2019
- To Payson for picnic at Green Valley Park, June 1, 2019
- To Happy Jack's Lodge in the pine trees northwest of Payson for lunch, July 3, 2019
- To Flagstaff for the weekend and tour of the Lowell Observatory, July 13, 2019
- To Prescott Valley for a tour of the Bronzsmith Sculpture Foundry, with lunch afterward Aug 22, 2019
- To Congress AZ for lunch at Nicolas West Restaurant, September 6, 2019
- To Cave Creek and Bartlett Lake for "Moon Over Miatas" run, October 13, 2019
- To Bisbee AZ for Halloween, Bisbee attractions, and drive to Chiricahua Mountains October 25, 2019
- To Lynx Lake Cafe in Prescott for lunch, November 1, 2019





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2020

- To Dwarf Car Museum in Chandler AZ and lunch at the Raceway Bar & Grill, January 17, 2020
- To Lake Havasu Pyrotechnics Extravaganza, overnight stay, returning through Oatman, Feb 14, 2020
- To Goldwater Lake in Prescott for a picnic lunch by the lake, June 25, 2020
- To Sahuaro Lake for "Moon Over Miatas" cruise. July 2, 2020
- To Fletcher Heights Park in Peoria for "Morning In The Park With Friends", August 2, 2020
- To Landmark Restaurant in Christopher Creek for lunch on the patio under the pine trees, Aug 27, 2020
- To Toasted Owl Restaurant in Flagstaff for lunch on the patio, September 16, 2020
- To Williams AZ for 3 day Route 66 Miata Run, September 19, 2020
- To Big Earl's Greasy Eats restaurant for burgers on the patio and cruise out to Bartlett Lake, Sept 26
- To the borders of Arizona for 5 day circumnavigation of the state, October 17, 2020.
- To Sonic Drive-In's for outdoor lunch with friends, November 7, 2020
- To Bagdad AZ for lunch in the park, November 21, 2020
- To Fountain Hills, Bartlett Lake, Carefree, and Cave Creek for lunch at Big Earl's, December 21, 2020
- To the top of South Mountain to watch the full moon rise, dinner afterward, December 29, 2020

2021

- To Superior, Winkelman, and Globe, stopping in Globe for lunch, February 13, 2021
- To Boyce Thompson Arboretum for tour and picnic lunch on the grounds, February 23, 2021
- To Riparian Preserve in Gilbert, AZ lunch afterward at Sahuaro Lake Restaurant, March 11, 2021
- To Cave Creek Hills Exploration and lunch, April 28, 2021
- To Nichols West for Brunch in Congress, AZ, May 1, 2021
- To Old Country Inn in Pine for wood fired Pizza, June 4, 2021
- To Rock Spring Cafe for breakfast, August 6, 2021
- To Mormon Lake Lodge from Camp Verde For Lunch, August 28, 2021
- To Apple Annie's Orchard in Wilcox, AZ for Fall Pumpkin Celebration, October 16, 2021
- To Cottonwood, AZ. For lunch at Famous Calavera Bar And Grill, November 5, 2021
- To Sonoita, and Elgin for wine tour, with overnight stay in Tucson, November 6, 2021





Editor's Message

Jeff Morris

Hello Everyone, Happy Holidays!

As always, I trust you and your families are doing well. As you can see in Ed Lutz's column and Mark Kucera's article on page three, 2021 has been the beginning of our Covid come back. With thanks in part to the efforts of President Sue Henkle and your terrific 2021 Board of Directors. We are looking forward to this Decembers events, mainly our **"2021 Holiday Party"** on December 4th, and our **"Holiday Lights Spectacular"** on December 11th, 2021.

I will be editor for one more issue that will be released in January, 2022. Like most of our Board of Directors, I have been involved in club management for a long time. In 2017, 2018, and 2019 I was your club president and in 2020 -2021 I held the BOD voting position as past president not to mention the editorial duties since I left the presidency.

It's always good to find fresh young faces on our board and I look forward to seeing new faces and ideas take over as time goes on. It has truly been my honor to serve this wonderful club for these last five years.

Please feel free to contact me at editor@sahuaromiataclub.com or call me at 808-269-6693 to find out more about becoming our next Miata Club Editor. I will be available to assist during this transition.

It would be unfortunate if the newsletter was suspended due to a lack of staffing.

Two immediate board positions are available, President and Treasurer. President Sue Hinkle and Treasurer Sue Taylor have agreed to temporarily stay on until these positions are filled. It is not fair to keep them on any longer than necessary. So please contact President Sue Hinkle at: president@sahuaromiataclub.com for more information on filling these important positions.

We have three Editorial Assistants that provide the newsletter with information. I thank these volunteers for helping me produce such as nice newsletter. Our three Editorial Assistants (E.A,'s) are:

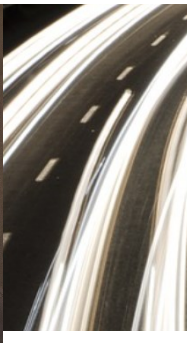
Ed Raker and Carl Fiore. Please see **page 10** on how to send them content. Your content makes this newsletter fun.

Once Again Thank You for your membership and participation,

Jeff Morris

editor@sahuaromiataclub.com





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.



Happy Holidays to all of our SMC members. I hope you are enjoying yourselves as I have been. This weather has been awesome, just great for a few rounds of golf, my favorite past time. (Besides Cruzen in my Miata) 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 Miata's 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. Sue is currently preparing for a move-in in this spring to her new Prescott Valley home currently under construction. We are excited for her. Sue wishes everyone the happiest of holidays and looks forward to seeing everyone at the holiday party.



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 September 1st.

Darwin & Susan Stiffler	Jack and Genie McIver	Jeff & Barbara Butler	Patrick Conlin
Caleb and Maegan Bouwens	Michelle Stephans	Tony & Brenda DeLeon	Lucie Andrade & Steve Drayer
Michael Minges	Wallace Headrick	Paul Stonebreaker	Kim & Doug Brooks
Austin Hunt	Shawn Cannon	Douglas Dunyan	Justin Arend
Philip Noto			

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. 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 11 for more information.

We are slowly coming into, what I hope is a post Covid time, we all need to take our Miata's on the road.

I have windshield postcards available to place on those random Miata's 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
membership@sahuaromiataclub.com



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





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



Ladies Golf Shirt with SMC logo embroidered left chest \$30.00



Golf Shirt with SMC logo embroidered left chest from \$30.00



Sahuaro Miata Club Embroidered T-shirts \$13.00



Cap \$15.00



Visor \$15.00



Moon Over Miata T-shirts \$18.00



Sahuaro Miata Club Long Sleeve Embroidered T shirts \$24.00



Ladies Sahuaro Miata Club t shirt - glitter applique \$15.00



Sahuaro Miata Club Magnet \$10.00



Sahuaro Miata Club Lapel Pin \$5.00



Sahuaro Miata Club Embroidered Patch \$6.00



Sahuaro Miata Club Duffel Bag \$18.00



Sahuaro Miata Club Name Badge from \$14.00

We always keep hats and Visors in stock. Golf Shirts and Long Sleeve T-Shirts are made to order. If there is a specific color you want , please let me know and we can accommodate special requests.

All other merchandise is subject to availability. Contact Hope at: marketing@sahuaromiataclub.com

Contact Hope Morris
marketing@sahuaromiataclub.com
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.

Editor	Events	Receives Event info from run leaders	editor@sahuaromiataclub.com
Ed Raker	Biography	Gathers Bios from Membership	Rakere66@gmail.com
Carl Fiore	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 Open editor@sahuaromiataclub.com

I 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.

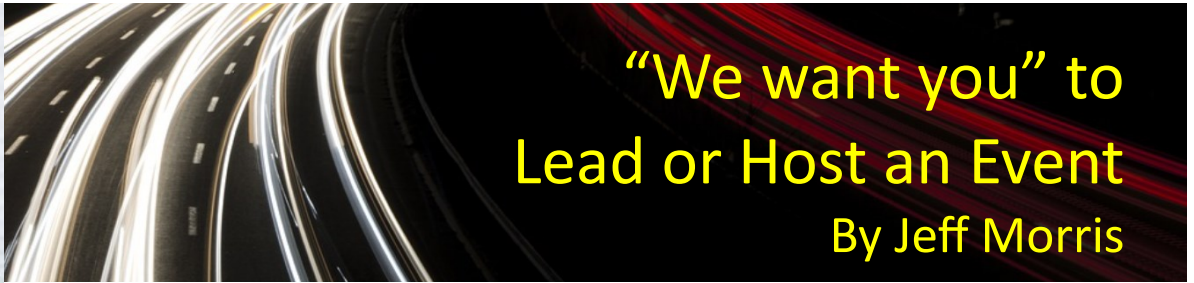
E. A. Technology Carl Fiore c.fiore@cox.net

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 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!



Events Recap

August 2021

6th-Rock Springs Café August 6th (Dale Strickland)

Situated approximately halfway between Greater Phoenix and the Quad Cities of Prescott, Prescott Valley, Chino Valley, and Dewey-Humboldt, the Rock Springs Café is a convenient meeting place for most Club members coming from both directions. The Mountain Miata Crowd was pleased to sponsor this event.

13 members came for Breakfast, and some sampled the Pies (or maybe Sticky Buns and Cinnamon Rolls). The staff at Rock Springs Café were prepared for the invasion of hungry Sahuaro Miata Club members, with tables reserved and hot coffee waiting for those who required it.

Seated precisely at 9:00 AM, our group enjoyed comfortable surroundings and attentive servers who greeted us with water, menus, and welcoming smiles. After food orders were taken, conversations and laughter continued until the food selections were served. The cozy atmosphere of our somewhat isolated table grouping encouraged friendly exchanges of adventures, and noteworthy happenings by most everyone.

After breakfast, some members opted to take alternative routes toward home, to extend the day and exercise their "Zoom-Zoom" MX-5's. Some other members were observed carrying packages of bakery goodies from the carry-o

7th-Drive-In Movie Night August 7th

Hosted by Mark Kucera, 4 members enjoyed the movie, refreshments, and camaraderie.

11th-Wednesday NW Valley Lunch @ Dillons August 11th

Hosted by Tony Munro, 12 members enjoyed lunch and conversation.

14th-East Valley Lunch Bunch@ Pesto's Italian Kitchen August 14

Hosted by Hope Morris, 8 members enjoyed lunch and conversation.

19th-Cool Pines Lunch Run to Landmark @ Christopher Creek August 19th

hosted by Mark Kucera, with 11 members attending. Good food and spirited conversation was enjoyed by all.

28th-Prescott Jazz Summit Weekend-hosted by Mike Vax, August 28th

2 members were part of an appreciative crowd entertained by Mike and his nationally known Jazz Group at various venues, for the weekend.

28th-Camp Verde to Mormon Lake Run August 28th

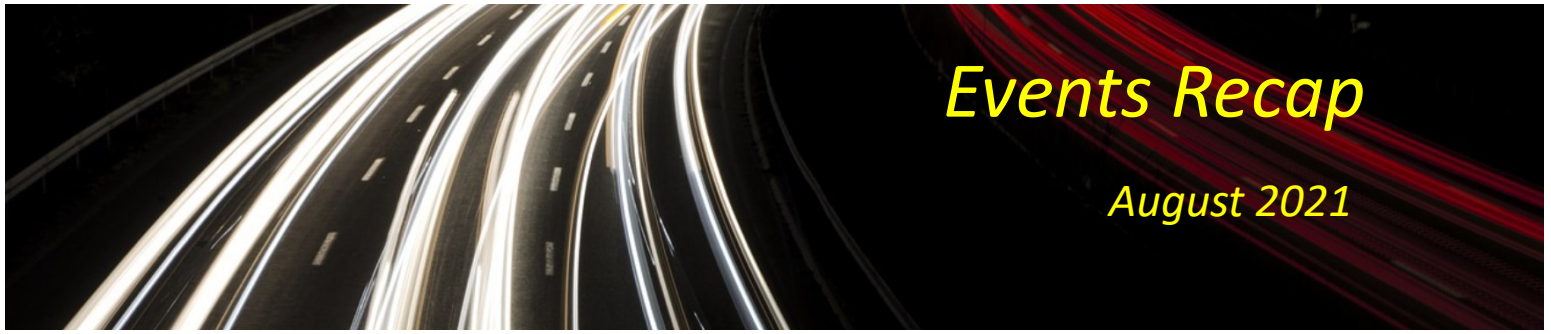
Hosted by Wade Phyfer, attended by 16 members. Perfect day, Elk sightings, and lots of good food and conversation at Mormon Lake Lodge.

Drive in Movie Night



Cool Pines Lunch Run





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August 2021



Cool Pines Lunch Run



Cool Pines Lunch Run



Cool Pines Lunch Run



Cool Pines Lunch Run



Cool Pines Lunch Run

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September 2021

3rd-First Friday Lunch at Leff-T's Steakhouse September 3rd

Hosted by the Mountain Miata Crowd, 16 members enjoyed lunch and conversation on the screened patio.

4th-6th-Track Day/HPDE Event @ Inde Motorsports Ranch in Wilcox September 4-6th

Hosted by Mark Kucera, 5 brave members competed on the track against each other and others. No mishaps by our guys, but some others not so lucky.

8th-2nd Wednesday NW Valley Lunch @ Garcias September 8th

Hosted by Tony Munro, attended by 10 members who enjoyed lunch and conversation.

22nd-Prescott/Bagdad Trip Sept 2021 Sept 22 (By Mark Kucera)

It was early October and the summer temperatures had abated in "The Valley of The Sun" making it a perfect time to drop the convertible tops on our Miata's and go for a drive and lunch. 16 club members met in Cave Creek, AZ for a lazy 27-mile drive through the scenic hills of Cave Creek, Carefree, and down Lake Bartlett Road to Bartlett Lake Recreational Area. The roads were lightly traveled except for a few others out for a morning drive in the country, like the old British sports car club that waved as they passed going the other direction. The temperature was around 80 degrees and there was some cloud cover that protected us from the sun's rays making it a very comfortable drive. We were treated to panoramic views of the mountains and rolling hills, that were covered in green thanks to the greater than usual monsoon rains.

The group stopped at SB Cove at the lake for a short break to stretch our legs, view the lake, and admire each other's Miata's. Once refreshed the thought of a Big Earl's cheeseburger and fries became overwhelming so the caravan of Miata's headed back up the road to Big Earl's Greasy Eats in Cave Creek for lunch.

Known as the old Cave Creek gas station, Big Earl's Greasy Eats was designed as a station for Standard Oil in 1935. Today, the Cave Creek station, Big Earl's Greasy Eats, is the only known surviving example of a 1930s art deco Standard gas station in the greater Phoenix metropolis. The former station originally was located on 19th Avenue in Phoenix and was moved to Cave Creek in 1952. It functioned as a Standard station until the late 1980s when it was converted to a restaurant.

We found Big Earl's was quite busy, but everyone enjoyed chatting and getting to know one another better while we waited for the food. The food came out quickly and it disappeared even faster. After an enjoyable lunch together, everyone dropped the tops and made their own way home to various parts of the valley.

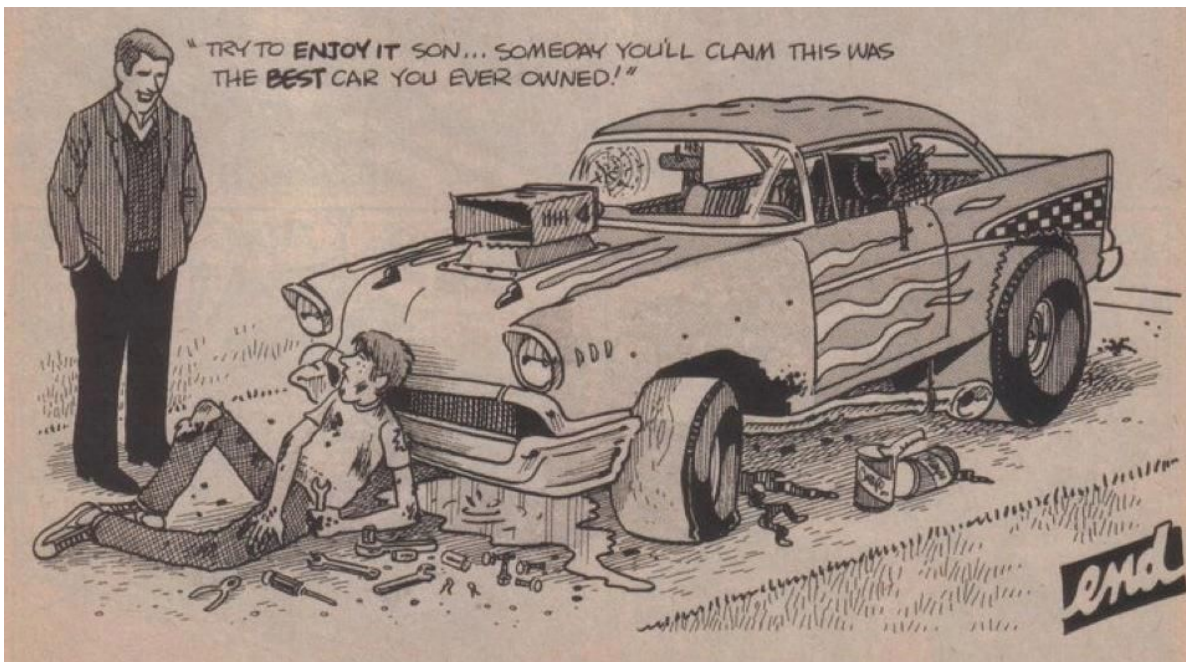


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Prescott Bagdad Trip



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laugh when I
saw this
cartoon.
It's so true.
Can you
relate?

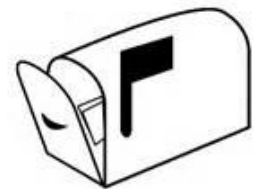
Jeff M.

New Club Address:

Sahuaro Miata Club

P.O.Box 27918

Prescott Valley, AZ 86312



NOTE!
ADDRESS CHANGE

Events Recap

October 2021

1st-3rd-Annual Devils Highway Run October 1st-3rd

Event-hosted by Hope Morris, (see her featured article)

9th-Bartlett Lake and Big Earl's Greasy Eats Event October 9th (By Marc Kucera)

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We found Big Earl's was quite busy, but everyone enjoyed chatting and getting to know one another better while we waited for the food. The food came out quickly and it disappeared even faster. After an enjoyable lunch together, everyone dropped the tops and made their own way home to various parts of the valley.

13th-2nd Wednesday NW Valley Lunch October 13th

Hosted by the gracious Sibylle De Marignac at Campbell's Restaurant on their outdoor patio. Fun, food, and good conversation.

16th-Pick a Pumpkin at Apple Annie's Orchard October 16th

Hosted by Ed Lutz, 5 members enjoyed cider, donuts, and pumpkin pickin'.



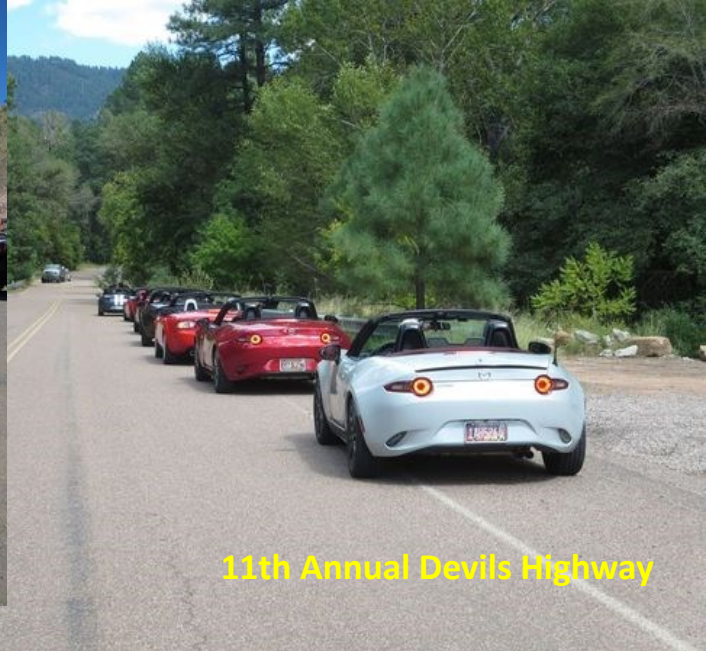
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October 2021

16th-Drive-In Movie Night for Miatas

Hosted by Mark Kucera, 12 members went to see James Bond in "No Time to Die". Lots of thrills, chills, and popcorn for everyone.

11th Annual Devils Highway



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Events Recap

November 2021

5th-Lunch at Famous calavera bar and Grill in Cottonwood November 6th

This was a great ride up to Cottonwood AZ. Many thanks to Dale Strickland for hosting. A nice turn out of 11 people who enjoyed a very nice menu. We traveled over the Mingus Mountain and Jerome to Cotton wood. Beautiful scenery on a lovely Day.

6th-Sonoita Wine Tour hosted by Cathey Kucera November 6th

6th Dinner at Gringo Grill and Cantina November 6th

10th- Northwest valley 2nd Wednesday Lunch November 10th

20th-Annual Berge Mazda Miata Car Show Nov 20th

Track Day/HPDE At Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park November 28th

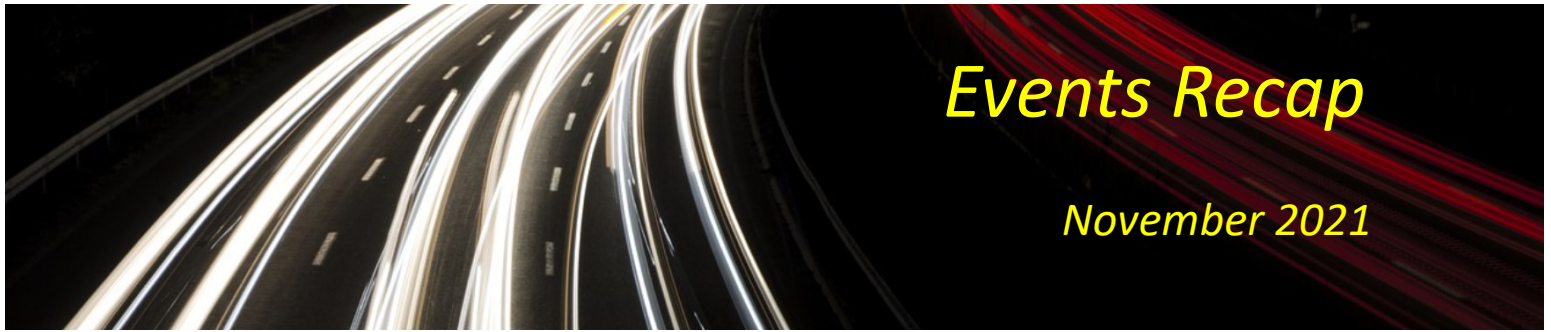
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MAZDA MIATA CAR SHOW
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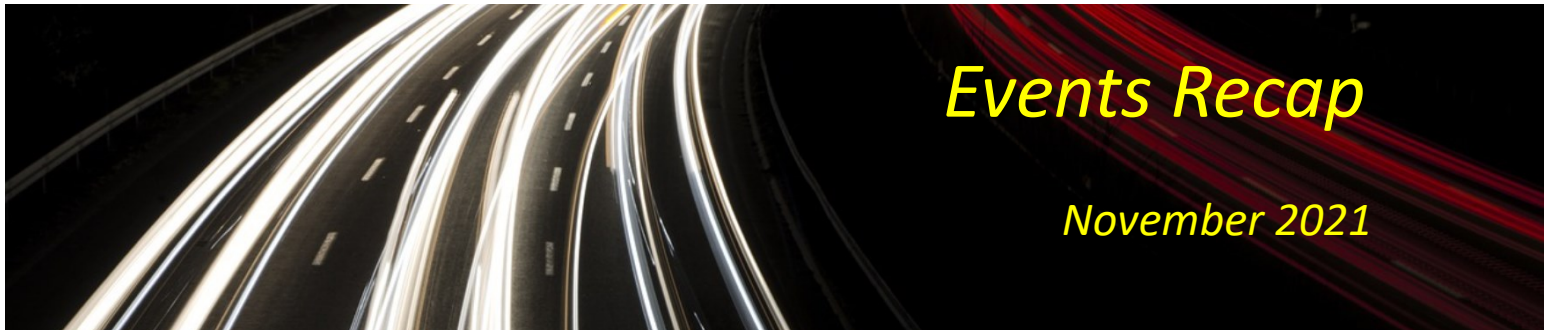
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Come see the race prepared, drifters, customs, low riders, show cars, street racers, and bone stock cars. Spread the word, tell your friends!

Miata Test Drives Available!

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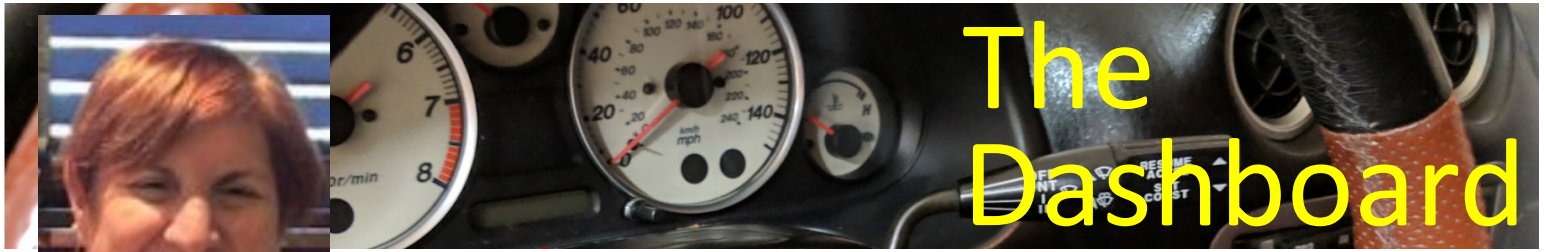


Berge Mazda Car Show 2021



Berge Mazda Car Show 2021

The Berge Car Show was a great success. Almost 100 cars attended, most from the Sahuaro Miata Club! We also had many cars from our Facebook Group (Thanks Mark) and Berge Mazda's own Miata customers. The club received 8 new members and lots of visibility. Please look for a complete write up in January 2022's newsletter. Extra thanks go to Kevin Smith, Mark Kucera, Hope Morris, V.P. Ed Lutz, President Sue Hinkle and everyone else who contributed. Ed.



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.

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.

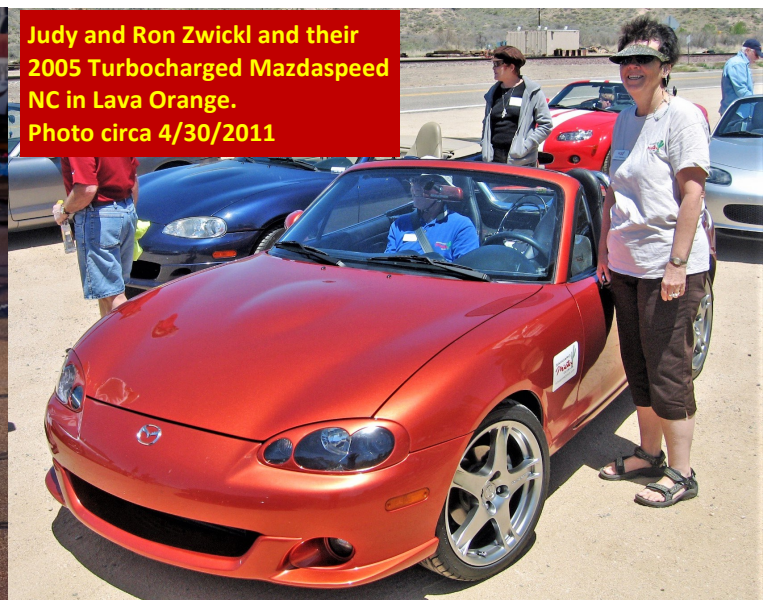
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1. To initiate the process, just click on your picture in the upper right hand corner of the screen (on a computer)
2. Then select "settings".
3. Under "settings", you will see a selection on the left side bar - "email updates". Clicking on the email 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.

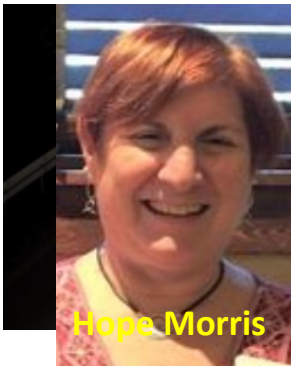
Our club uses meetup to manage attendance at our events. Most of you are already familiar with the RSVP options for our events. Each time you click the check mark to RSVP, you are adding "1" to our count. If you and your co-pilot are attending an event, then you need to add 1 guest, that is if your co-pilot 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



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

“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

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

“Sahuaro Miata Club Website”

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

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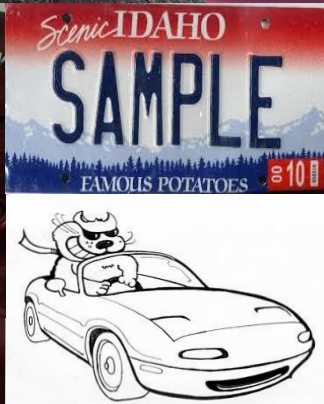
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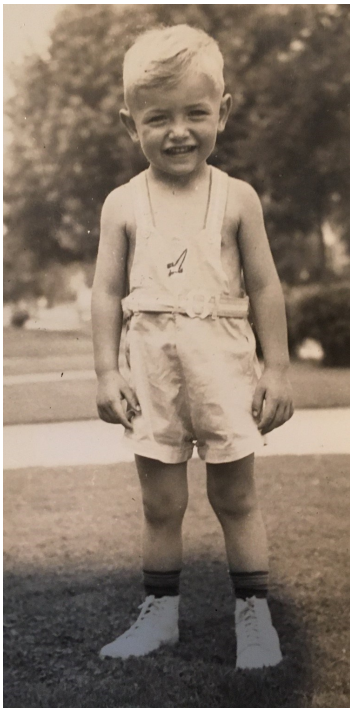


Kevin Smith



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**

**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 it's 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.

“Track day’s” Contributed by Mark Kucera



Carl Fiore

The urge to jump in our Miata’s, rev up the engine, dump the clutch, and aggressively run through the gears through some fast corners is strong in many Miata drivers. The roar of the exhaust note and the whine of the engine as it approaches the upper RPM limits are intoxicating to us. The adrenaline builds in us as the speed climbs and the G-forces increase. The rush of the speed and the excitement makes us feel alive and free. As we “floor” the pedal, there is a sudden spurt of adrenaline through our body, which has many effects: blood pressure rises instantly, heartbeat races, body temperature rises, and we can feel a slight tingling in our limbs.

Physiological studies of fast driving indicates that speed increases the challenge of driving, increasing the excitement, increasing the fun, where the driver experiences “flow” or the total emergence in a task.

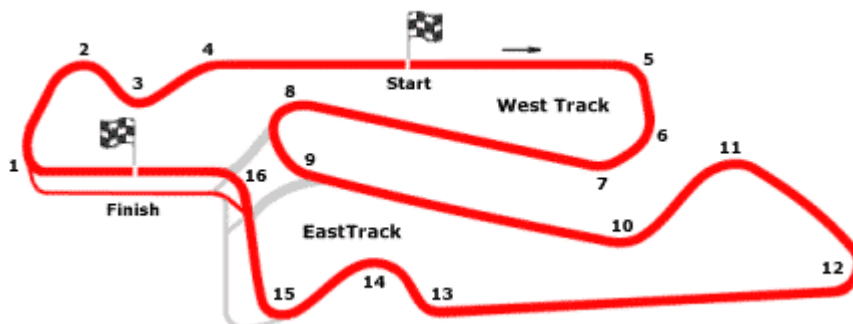
A flow state, also known as being in the “zone”, is the mental state in which a person performing some activity is fully immersed in a feeling of energized focus, full involvement, and enjoyment in the process of the activity. In essence, flow is characterized by the complete absorption in what one does, and a resulting transformation in one’s sense of time.

Achieving this fun state of flow in our Miata’s on public roads can be dangerous, illegal, and expensive. So, what’s an adrenaline seeking Miata owner to do if they want to go fast, but doesn’t want to be socially irresponsible? One alternative is participated in track days, or High-Performance Driver Education (HPDE) events, or all out racing. All out racing isn’t realistic for many people due to the skills required, the commitment of time and money, and the high danger. But track days and HPDE events are available to just about anyone with the desire, a car, and a few dollars to blow.

A track day or HPDE event is an organized event in which non-members are allowed to drive around established motor racing circuits in road legal or track prepared cars without speed restriction. Although, the practice of actual racing is forbidden. Criteria for participation is usually holding a driving license, meeting a minimum age restriction, wearing an approved helmet, and having a safe vehicle to drive.

There are about 8 members of the Sahuaro Miata Club that regularly participate in these events at 5 local tracks in the Phoenix area, Inde Motorsport Ranch in Wilcox, Arizona, and at Chuckwalla Valley Raceway in Desert Center, California. Four organizations that run these events are ProAutoSports, National Auto Sports Association (NASA), Sports Car Club of America (SCCA), and the Porsche Club of America.

I encourage everyone that thinks they might be interested in giving these events a try to read up on these events and come out to a track day event to experience the excitement, talk to participants, and even go along for a ride with an experienced driver on one of their 20-minute track sessions. Several track day events are posted on our club Meetup page each year, and more are listed on the websites of the organizations previously mentioned above. You can read all about these events on ProAutoSports.com or nasaproracing.com/HPDE/.



TECHTIPS

By Carl Fiore E.A.

“Sharp New Brakes for Tom Taylor’s NC”



Here we have a new set of Wilwood racing brakes recently installed on Tom Taylor's NC. They go perfectly with the numerous upgrades Tom has performed on his car. From NC PRHT roll bar, to flared fenders, custom wheels, Singular Hood Louvers and a long list of drive train and suspension mods Tom's car is track ready. Photos courtesy of Mark Kucera. Have you performed work on your Miata? If you would like it posted to Tech Tips please contact Carl Fiore at c.fiore@cox.net.

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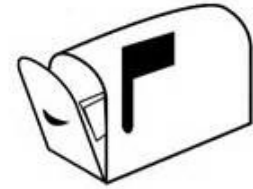
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