

PUT SOME VOLUNTEERISM GAS IN YOUR TANK

Welcome to SahuarO Miata Club's Volunteerism issue! In preparation we did an internet review and were astonished by what we found:

"Research shows that volunteering has both mental and physical health benefits.

Volunteering can give us a deep sense of happiness, both immediately and long term. Volunteering helps improve your mood, makes you feel healthier, increases your sense of purpose, and reduces your stress levels."

Meaning you are physically & mentally healthier, likely have a longer life, perhaps (dare we say) better romance, & generally more success. Zoom Zoom!! (and Zoom!)



Concours in the Hills, 2019

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Presidents Message: "Volunteerism is the Transmission Fluid of our Club"



Dear Club Members,

You will see a common theme running throughout this month's publication; this theme is "Volunteerism". I am sure most of you are aware of the efforts the board makes to invite SMC Members to volunteer. We ask you to volunteer your ideas as to where you would like the club to travel or volunteer ideas on how to make our club as enjoyable as possible. We ask you to volunteer to lead and run various events. We ask you to volunteer to fill Board positions.

We would be a dull and boring club without Members volunteering their thoughts, ideas, and time to keep our Club fun and fresh. We are very fortunate to have a very active Board and core set of Members who wear multiple hats. Yet that is not enough to serve a membership of our size nor when you consider the various kinds of events, frequency, and interests of our Members.

Since our last Newsletter we have had a number of great events. Our Club adopted the Concours as our annual "Give Back" to the Phoenix community. As noted elsewhere in the Newsletter, we had our 2nd annual Concours in the Hills event, a big success, in part due to the participation of 25 SMC

Miata's in attendance. Dennis & Mary Manning had a lovely Valentines themed social at their home in February. (Thank You Dennis and Mary) We also had a trip to the Ben Avery Shooting Facility (Thank You Curtis and Cynthia) and numerous lunches around the Valley. These all take effort & make our Club a desirable one in which to participate.

We ask everyone to think about how they can add and contribute, little or big. It can be from providing articles to our Editor, to volunteering to lead/ co-lead events around the valley. The next time you are going to perform a Miata-ectomy on your car such as a high performance exhaust or a new set of shocks or coil-overs, let us know. We can make a mini-event of that Miata upgrade. We invite you to attend Club Board meetings held the first Tuesday of the month at Berge Mazda. (Please see Meetup for details). And seriously consider the possibility of becoming a Board Member. You will get a lot of satisfaction knowing you are helping to maintain one of the most active Miata clubs in the United States.



2019 Board Of Directors

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**“ONE OF THE GREAT IRONIES OF LIFE IS THIS:
HE OR SHE WHO SERVES ALMOST ALWAYS BENEFITS MORE
THAN HE OR SHE WHO IS SERVED.”**

Gordon Hinkle
Author,
Standing for SOMETHING

Mark Kucera, V.P./ Events

We all have different stories on how we came to be involved in the Sahuaro Miata Club. My path to the Club started when I found retirement life had gotten a little too routine, with fewer stimulating activities & short on meaningful personal relationships. As happens with many retired men, I was becoming socially isolated. Buying our Miata and joining the Club was my way of searching for more fun, more friends, and new experiences.

Joining the Club definitely added a new level of fun. I began to meet others of similar mindsets and experience new activities; however, until I accepted the position of Events Coordinator I didn't realize the full benefits of the Club or all my new car had to offer. Now I am meeting & talking to people frequently, if not daily, and have gotten to know many members quite well. I've developed close personal relationships with folks that share similar interests with me. My wife and I now enjoy activities with our new friends, not only at the many Club events, but "outside the Club" for dinner, movies, and other fun stuff. I particularly enjoy my new friends who like improving the performance of their Miatas & driving them on the track. We help each other with Miata projects, share ideas & knowledge, & have outings to the many racetracks in Arizona, California, and soon Las Vegas.

The benefits of volunteering are huge and I can validate you will gain more than you give. If you could use a few more close friends and fun, I would encourage you to more actively engage through volunteering in the Club.

Look for my tail lights in the fast lane!

SOCIAL HOSTS

March 16th	Tom & Becky Shaw
April 13th	Chris & Fran Steers
May 11th	Cynthia & Curtis Wood

2019 PLANNED EVENTS & HOSTS

Date(s)	Event & General Location	Hosts/ Co-Hosts
3/13	NW Valley Lunch at Dillion's Restaurant	Tony Munro
3/16	Track Day/HPDE Event at Arizona Motorsports Park	Mark Kucera
3/20	SE Valley Lunch & Tour at East Valley Institute Of Technology	Hope Morris
3/27	NE Valley Lunch & Run to Bagdad Arizona	Dennis Manning, Co-host Mark Kucera
4/2	Board Meeting	BOD
4/5	Prescott Valley Lunch at Leff-T's Steak House & Grill	Larry Lloyd
4/10	NW Valley Lunch at Zipps Sports Grill	Tony Munro
4/19	Track Day/HPDE Event at Las Vegas Motor Speedway	Mark Kucera
5/3	Prescott Valley Lunch at Prescott Resort	Larry Lloyd
5/3,4,5	Route 66 Fun Run	Ed Raker
5/7	Board Meeting	BOD
5/8	NW Valley Lunch at Dillion's	Tony Munro
5/24	Track Day/HPDE Event At Inde Motorsports Ranch in Wilcox AZ	Mark Kucera
6/1	Payson Run & Park Picnic	Tim Kroll & Genevive Rivera
6/7	Prescott Members 1 st Friday Lunch Run To Pine at "That Brewery"	Larry Lloyd
6/20 to 24	Flyin' Miata Summer Camp in Grand Junction Colorado	Mark Kucera & Tom Taylor
8/30	Track Day/HPDE Event at Inde Motorsports Ranch in Wilcox AZ	Mark Kucera
10/4,5,6	Devil's Highway	Jeff & Hope Morris, & Mark Kucera
10/10 to 14	Miata Reunion Event at Laguna Seca Raceway	Mark Kucera
10/25, 26, 27	Halloween Run to Bisbee Shady Dell Trailer Park	Dennis & Mary Manning

Note: Refer to [Meetup](#) for details, dates, and to register for all events

Target Your GPS for April Events

April 2019 ▼							Today	<	>
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
31	1	2 ✔ 10:00 AM Sahuaro Miata Club Board Meeting	3	4	5 12:30 AM Prescott Valley 1st Friday Lunch At Leff-T's Steak ...	6			
7	8	9	10 11:30 AM Miata Club Northwest Valley 2nd Wednesday ...	11	12	13			
14	15	16	17	18	19 1:00 PM Track Day/HPDE Event At Las Vegas Motor Speedway ...	20			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27			
28	29	30	1	2	3 12:30 AM Prescott Valley 1st Friday Lunch At Leff-T's Steak ... ✔ 12:30 PM 32nd Annual Historic Route 66 Fun Run	4			

HIGHLIGHTS

Please refer to our Sahuaro Miata Club *meetup* site for event details.

Mar 27th
Run to Bagdad, AZ

The weather should be beautiful in late March for this twisty run to Bagdad for lunch. The highlight of the trip (other than enjoying lunch with friends!) will be dropping our convertible tops and cruising over the roller coaster road going in to and out of Bagdad. This is one of the best twisty roads our Club runs!

Apr 19th

Track Day, HPDE Event Las Vegas Motor Speedway

Alright all you advocates of ZOOM-ZOOM...ProAutoSports.com is holding a High Performance Driver Education (HPDE) event at Las Vegas Motor Speedway on Saturday April 20. ProAuto says they will be running the full 2.4-mile course featuring 12 turns, electronic time/scoring loop, concrete curbing and ample runoff. Mark says from checking things out from Google Earth and Google Maps, the course looks like it's a good one. THIS WILL BE FUN!



**First Friday Lunch:
Prescott Valley**

Fri, Feb 1st



Our February 1st Friday Lunch was well attended with 12 members, pilots , co-pilots plus guests, gracing our table. It was a nice sunny day for a drive so locals plus visitors from the valley enjoyed good food, conversation, and sharing adventures with each other.



Just so the Club knows, this is a standing monthly luncheon, held in Prescott Valley, always on the first Friday of the month. We'd love to have any member and "ride alongs" come and join in the joviality and conviviality. Even if you don't make this a part of your regular schedule, it would be great to see you when ever you can fit it in!

**Valentine Themed Monthly Social:
Sun City West**

Sun, Feb 17th



The Mannings have been an amazing new addition to our Club; we are so glad in October they selected Sahuaro Miata Club to join! (New Member standing ovation!!) Dennis & Mary opened their lovely home to a group of 21 Club members to one of our first of the year Monthly Potluck Socials.



As one arrived at the house you knew something was different. Red was the theme and hearts greeted you everywhere! A beautiful heart wreath emblazoned the front door and, as you entered the home, you discovered every space festooned with hearts: red, pink, and white. Luncheon tables were set up in various rooms like a Parisian bistro. Love was in the air! The buffet was DELICIOUS with foods contributed by the Mannings & Members (Terye—PLEASE always bring those handcrafted chocolates!)



Great to see New Members Lorna Archabal, Wayne Hostetter & Karen Vandermillen, and Tom Mitchell. (Fyi, Wayne fell in love with the San Diego Miata camp shirts from Devils Hiway and had to buy one - he wore it to the event!) Thank you, Kuceras, for assisting, and kudos to the Mannings!



Concours in the Hills Car Show: Fountain Hills



Sat, Feb 9th

Once again this year's "Concours in the Hills" was a success and great time for all! This was the Sahuaro Miata Club's (and our Sponsor Berge Mazda) second year in a row participating in this event. Created by the Scuderia Car Club of Scottsdale, 100% of the proceeds go directly to the Phoenix Children's Hospital, with a current commitment to raise \$500,000 to build a very special playroom for the Oncology Department.

As billed by the Show, "set on the property surrounding Fountain Park located in Fountain Hills, Arizona, this is not a formal 'white gloves' concours but rather an informal and fun car show for both imports and domestics, in what is without a doubt the most beautiful settings for a car show in the state. Best of all it's on grass with lots of room between the cars!"

Weather for the event was lovely and 25 Miata's proudly glistened in our Arizona sunshine. What was really amazing were the number of new members who joined since the prior Concours and participated: a big rev of our engines to Carl & Laurel Fiore, Dennis & Mary Manning, Tom Mitchell, & Steve & Anne Schultz! Thanks for showing your beautiful MX-5s!

We moved up in our display location, getting a great upper level curve along a raise promenade. Co-host Mark Kucera supplied us with a very nice pop up tent to house our SMC new member invitations and SMC soft goods, and our other hosts, the Morris's, brought tables and chairs. Berge Mazda provided a Sponsor identity banner along with two select Miatas to add to our already amazing display of member vehicles. We looked spectacular! But, the Jaguar Car Club won the "Best Car Club Display" at the show. Let's win it next year! Submit your ideas on how we can make that happen!

A special "Thank You" goes to our friends at Berge Mazda who provided \$25 for each participating member; the Club also contributed \$10. This helped to assist participating members in the cost of meals or expenses during the event.

We wish to thank our Hosts, our Sponsor, and every member who brought their car to this show. We could not have made such an impact without your participation. Also, particular thanks to those members who arrived early to help set up and stayed late to help break down. The success of Concours at Fountain Hills, our largest membership drive, is vital. We use this event to bring our Club needed exposure as we reach out to possible new members, & its great fun! Zoom Zoom!



Events Recap

Afternoon Monthly Social: Potluck at Shaw's in Gilbert



Sat, Mar 16

21 Club Members enjoyed the fabulous weather at Tom and Becky Shaw's beautiful Val Vista Lakes Community Club House for our March 16th Miata Club social.

This is a fabulous facility: the club house is set on the bank of the community lake with beautiful views, Olympic pool, large patio, cabana, outdoor gas grill, lake front fire pit, tennis & other facilities. Our group reserved the comfort and shade of the cabana with easy access to the boat dock and firepit for a perfect afternoon of noshing, socializing, and boat rides.

It was GREAT to see New Members Kevin Wright & Sandy Cheung, and returning Members Ron & Rosita Booher...Yeah!!

Hosts Becky and Tom Shaw ferried over to the club house in their electric pontoon boat, bringing supplies from their home; later, offering sight-seeing boat rides of the lake to any members who wished to get on the water—FUN! Others enjoyed the lake views and gorgeous firepit. Thank you, hosts, Becky & Tom—and to the Morris' and Wood's for assisting!

Track Day/HPDE Event : Arizona Motorsports Park



Sat, Mar 16

The Club members who LOVE going FAST on a racetrack (along with quite a bit of socializing in the paddock!) enjoyed a beautiful Saturday at the West Valley Arizona Motorsports Park.

There were the usual suspects: Lou Molvin, Tom Taylor, Louis Verloop, Kevin Allsop, Arthur Stromberg, & Mark Kucera. New Member Carl Fiore came out for the first time & really seemed to enjoy the sport. Another New Member, Ken Francis and wife Tina, came to watch & see if Ken wants to give it a try. The "experienced drivers" get a kick out of seeing the smiles on the new guys' faces after their exciting and challenging sessions on the track; having the new members' participation makes the day more fun for all! It's fun mentoring the new drivers to greater understanding of the sport, trying to help them manage the course safely and faster. Do we have any takers from the female persuasion who want to give racetrack driving a try?

Socializing in the paddock throughout the day is a BIG part of the enjoyment. We all park together so we can share our exciting accomplishments, misadventures, and help coach each other. Come on out next time - everyone is invited to join in the fun at our next event!



“EVERY NEW FRIEND IS A NEW ADVENTURE... THE START OF MORE MEMORIES.”

Shanna Rodriguez
Author

Cathey Kucera, Membership Chair

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP DATA

Model	Count	%
NA	15	11%
NB	32	23%
NC	59	41%
ND	29	20%
Not disclosed	7	5%

Members are often invited to participate in events, (Socials for food contributions, for example), based on their model of Miata. The adjacent table provides interesting data of the number of members and Miata models in the Club .

Look at the new Tech Talk, page 14, for other Miata info & cool MX-5 links.

Note: Numbers subject to rounding errors. Limited to model information provided by Members.

NEW MEMBER LISTINGS

Feb	
	Ron & Rosita Booher
	Ken Francis
	Jim Frawley
	Jerry & Denise Gantt
	Jan & Marty Keane

Note: “Membership” is denoted by up-to-date Paid Dues. New Members listed are those not recognized in previous publications.

We’ve had a busy start to 2019 – 11 new memberships since January 1st, 5 of which occurred in February. Our newest members come from all over the valley, from Gilbert all the way to New River. A warm welcome to our newest Members; we hope to see you soon at upcoming events. We’re excited to meet you!

The Club will be interested to know that Jerry & Denise Gantt and Ron & Rosita Booher have previously belonged and are joining us again. We are so glad your prior experience was positive and situations are such that you are back with us. Hip, Hip, Hurrah! Jerry joined us in February and has already connected with Mark Kucera, Events, on hosting a Club event. This is great as participation in planning/executing events is key to our Club’s ongoing goal of providing opportunities to enjoy our Miatas and each other.

In regards to how we gain membership, we know that we generate interest in the Club via our website, Facebook (Saharo Miata Interest Group) and car shows to name a few. A way all of us can generate more interest is “good old word of mouth”. Pick up some Club Postcards at the next event and hand them out to Miata owners you see, or put them on the windshield of their Miata (We KNOW you are always eye-balling them in parking lots!!) We’ll try to have Club Postcards available at every event for your use to take away and keep handy in your vehicle for such opportunistic situations.

We have lost some Members and are sad to see them go. We hope they will return at some time in the future as have New Members Jerry, Denise, Ron, and Rosita. Three of the most common reasons given are: downsizing to one car, health issues, and relocation.

Until next Newsletter – Zoom Zoom!

Cathey Kucera, Membership Chair Page 7

Members in Our Headlights

TRUE CONFESSIONS

Hi, my name is Wadeand I am a Miataholic.

My obsession started in my early teens when my mother's friend had a Datsun 2000 Roadster. That Roadster was "SICK"! One look was all it took - I was hooked! (Some might wonder if my interest stemmed only from wistful boyish passion for the car, but *that* was too psychologically complex for my youthful self.) From then on I always wanted a small ragtop 2 door. Scene fades: Obsession never realized.

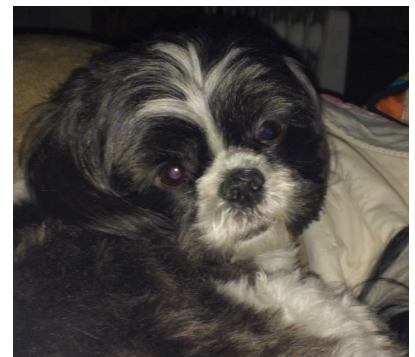
Scene change: leap forward 40 years, divorced, kids have moved out. Now I have a decision to make..... Buy a practical work car or find..... a Roadster! Boyhood obsession, tidily tucked away but forever tugging & creeping on the edges of my mind, leaps into flames!

After looking at a number of COMPLETE rust buckets then cars on the opposite end of the spectrum I would NEVER be able to afford, I stumbled across a Miata website. WOW! A car that was what I wanted, but actually ran! What were they saying...zoom, something?



Originally I had a \$6k budget: \$3k to buy the car & \$3k to rebuild. I soon learned this was the proverbial pipe dream! However, after 2 years of "looking" I came across an ad on eBay: Miata, 2000 SE, Mahogany Mica. I had never seen this color before and told myself I just wanted to look. After a 30 mph test drive (only the 3rd Miata I'd ever driven), "The Redhead" came home.

2 days after the purchase I found the Sahuaro Miata Club and all of it's wonderful members. I started out on a couple of club runs, then began exploring the great roads of Northern Arizona. With Jeff & Mark's help, I followed with setting up a couple of fun runs. These initially started out as casual phone calls between members for a quick lunch. Now our Northern group is organizing multiple club runs. (Come up out of the heat in the summer and enjoy!) Special thanks to Roger Petterson, Dale Strickland, Larry Lloyd, and the rest of the Northern group. And special thanks to the Sahuaro Miata Club for warping my priorities!



Wade's co-pilot:
he swears he bought his
Miata for his pooch!

My name is Wade and I am a Miataholic.



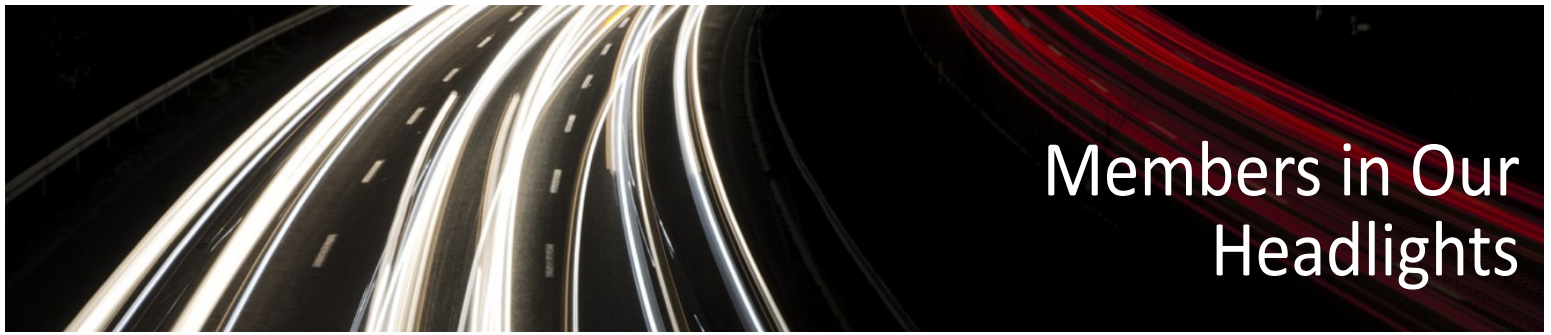
WADE PHYFER
ESTABLISHED MEMBER
SINCE FEB 2017

WHO'S "THE MAN?"

Wade joined the Sahuaro Miata Club in February 2017 and hasn't looked back, jumping in with both feet in various areas of volunteerism for the benefit of the club and enjoying himself immensely in the process.

He's found the magic combination: getting maximum pleasure out of his admitted Miata obsession, & making a fantastic group of friends!

Though Wade's busy career requires that he "drives all over", he's willing to help out in just about anything: organizing numerous runs, supporting the Club as one of our photographers, supporting event set-ups and breakdowns... Wade's "The Man!".



Members in Our Headlights

OUR NEW CLUB BREWMEISTER!!

It's a guarantee that Jerry Gantt is gonna end up being EVERYBODY's best friend! Jerry has over 30 year's experience as a craft brewer in the Phoenix area! (OK, I confess. I'm planning on hanging out at every brewpub luncheon he signs up for!)

Jerry is a 3rd generation native Arizonan. He attended North High School, then a stint in the Navy Reserves (stationed in Okinawa), where upon his return he attended ASU and received a BA in Liberal Arts. It turns out that general education focus was extremely useful for Jerry as he leveraged it into general management and development in the craft brewing field.

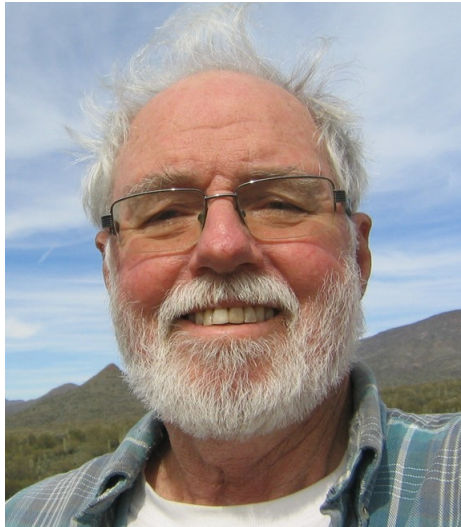
His career in craft brewing actually grew out of the hobby of home brewing.... & THAT passion segued into working with the Arizona legislature in the mid-80's to get the laws changed to permit brewpubs to be established. (YIPPEE!!) He has an amazing history in the craft brewery field reading like a who's-who: went to work at Bandersnatch Brewery in Tempe (the first microbrewery in the valley and second in the state); later opening Copper Canyon Brewing in Chandler; working at Leinenkugel's brewery at the ball park. Jerry then became the Executive Director of the Arizona Craft Brewers Guild for several years.



(Look 'em up: <http://www.chooseazbrews.com/> Jerry's the real deal!) Afterwards he returned to brewery operations at North Mountain and then became the Brewer at Mother Bunch breweries before retiring.

Jerry shared, "Although I don't drink much these days I still like to support Arizona breweries as much as possible. I enjoy the lower alcohol brews; blonds, ambers and some session IPAs and sours. Of the widely available AZ brews I like the offerings from Oak Creek Brewing, Barrio Brewing, Lumberyard Brewing. With about 100 breweries in the state now, there are really a lot of good beer choices."

Jerry has owned his red '92 Miata for 20 years and still finds it a joy to drive. His wife Denise is still working and sadly, he says, "is not much of a car enthusiast." (Or at least not as enthusiast as Jerry is, which many a member can relate to as to their co-pilots....What's a-matter honey? Am I driving too fast?) He's also interested in vintage motorcycles and has a coupla' projects waiting for him in that regard. Jerry looks forward to getting involved with the Sahuaro Miata Club and meeting our great members!

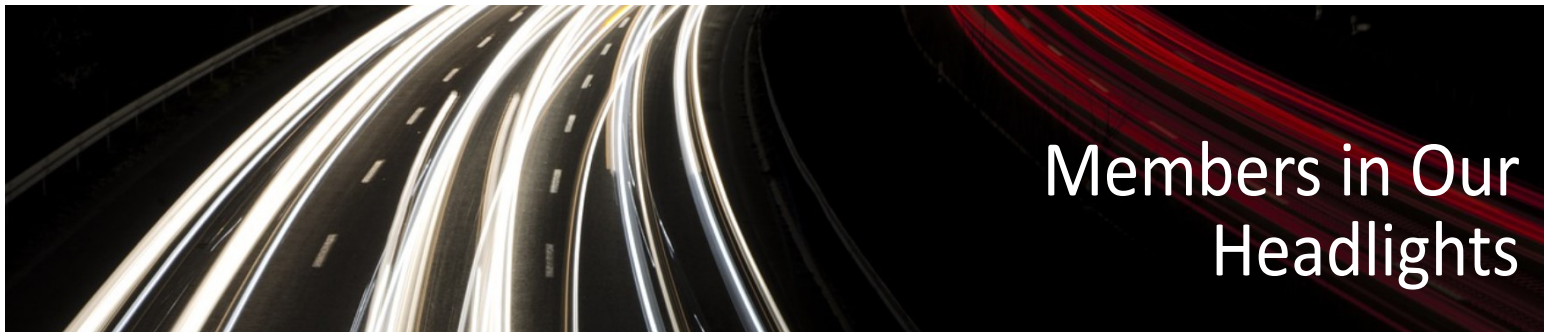


**JERRY GANTT
NEW MEMBER**

We Love it When New Members Grab the Wheel & Go!

It's a ton-o-fun to attend events, whether it's a multi-day drive, a race, a monthly Potluck Social, or just one of the regular weekly luncheons—it's the reason for being in the Club! But we can guarantee, you end up having **EVEN MORE FUN** when you dive in and organize an event yourself. It's the **BEST** way to get to know the members, and one of the best ways to contribute!

Like Jerry! Jerry has offered to host a Brewery Tour and Tasting. All he did was raise his hand indicating an interest, & [Mark Kucera](#), our VP & Event Coordinator dove in to assist and guide. Try it!



Members in Our Headlights



JIM FRAWLEY NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION

BA-BA-BA-BAAAAD TO THE BONE!!

New Member, Jim Frawley, was born in Green Bay Wisconsin (so naturally, he’s a Packers fan—don’t waste time trying to convert him!) & spent his youth in several cities in Wisconsin & Michigan, then Eugene, OR, and Florence, SC . Then off to attend Georgia Tech in Atlanta—with all that moving he says his degree is in being a “Rambling Wreck”! He was married in Atlanta, moved to Palm Bay Florida, where he was blessed with three daughters. The family subsequently moved to Phoenix in 1996 where Jim works at Honeywell. Two of his daughters are married and he has one grandson. Sadly, Jim shared his lovely wife recently passed away after a long battle with ALS. (Big hugs, Jim!)



Jim played several sports growing up, still enjoys bowling, has a pilots’ license (tho’ not current) and has enjoyed several hobbies in the past including photography & chess, and dabbles with daily Sudoku & Jumbles in the paper. (Yeah, Sudoku!!)

How to Kick it into Gear!!

We know it’s tough joining a new Club. It’s like going on a first date...You’re nervous...you LOVE your Miata....but ya don’t know anybody yet. You’re not quite sure how to approach things...how do you go about it?

Here’s a suggestion, do what Jim did....just raise your hand! Jim LOVES our Arizona backroads. He loves to ride...and he loves to drive...and he wants to hang out with like minded people who share his enthusiasm for the fun of the road and the beauty of Arizona. So even though he just joined, he’s offered to co-lead a run to learn the ropes...and hopefully we’ll see him leading the runs in the near future. WAY TO GO, JIM!!

Now to the Zoom Zoom! Jim liked the early Mustangs & Corvettes when young...He got his first “sporty” car after college, an ‘82 VW Scirocco, which he kept until he needed one with 3 seat belts in the back (why is it that we have kids???) which caused the Scirocco to become a Honda Accord. Sigh!!



At the urging of a neighbor, Jim took up motorcycling in 1998 (in AZ) after taking the beginners’ safety course. His first bike was a Honda ‘96 PC-800 which he had until experience proved the need for more performance, thus the addition of a 2000 Honda VFR-Interceptor. Jim has spent many days riding both bikes on the beautiful Arizona highways, with many rides to Prescott via Yarnell, Bagdad, Payson, Globe-Show Low.... Some rides solo, some with groups. He considered yet another bike but decided to go with his Miata instead to enjoy weekends on those same roads travelled by 2 wheels. (Perhaps viewing the MX-5 as a 4 wheeled motorcycle???) Jim hopes to enjoy those same hiways & new ones with the Club, and meeting our great members!



“IF YOU THINK YOU’RE TOO SMALL
TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE,
YOU HAVEN’T SPENT A NIGHT
WITH A MOSQUITO.”

African Proverb

Curtis Wood, Treasurer

The Board has one bit of business left from the Annual Meeting - sharing our 2018 end of year Treasurer’s Report!

Our Treasurer, Curtis Wood, came in to office January 2018 and initially spent time familiarizing himself with our books & filing appropriate April government requirements, then supporting the Club through updating databases and targeting the coordination of data transfer between both membership & merchandizing.

And yes, he’s spent many a night with a mosquito, mostly in a tent by a riverbank, wondering why he left his cozy bed to be so mistreated! But the point being in relation to our volunteerism theme is that every little bit helps...nothing is insignificant!

Buzzzzzzzzzz!

2018 ANNUAL MEETING/ END OF YEAR TREASURER’S REPORT

Category	Description	Amount
Inflow	Dues, Merchandise	\$4140
Expenses	Social Media fees (Web/Square Space, Meetup, PayPal, etc.)	(\$598)
	Event Costs (Food, Beverages, Paper-goods, etc.)	(\$1782)
	Business Expenses (Insurance, Printing/Supplies, Postage, etc.)	(\$552)
Cash on Hand 12/31		\$5482



Need help, have ideas, want to volunteer? Tim Kroll, our Board Secretary, reminds us there are multiple ways for everyone to reach out and make contact within the organization.

The key ways are noted to the right:

OUR SECRETARY REMINDS US.....

MeetUp: <https://www.meetup.com/Sahuaro-MX5-Miata-Club/>

- Includes individual messaging to members, events , calendars, & scheduling

Web Site: <http://www.sahuaromiataclub.com/>

- Mission Statement & General Club info, links to membership applications & payments

Facebook: “Sahuaro Miata Interest Group”

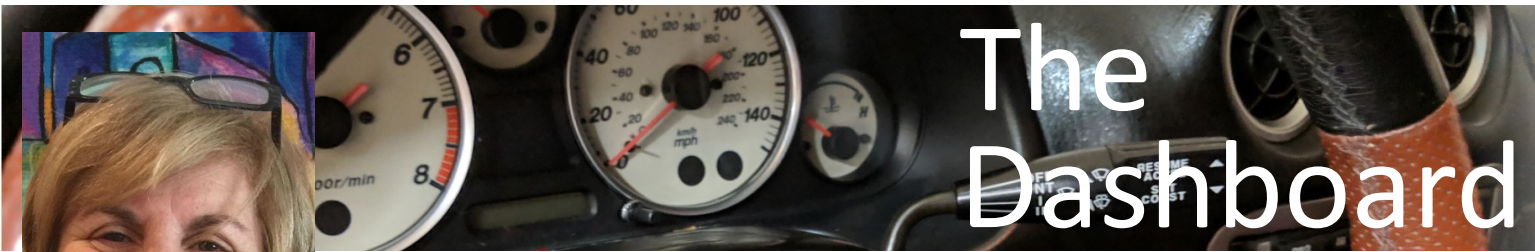
- Social Media Outreach to non members (& members as well)

Newsletter: Email distribution 6x per year, posted on WWW

- Board Member links on Front Page

Snail Mail:

- Our address: Sahuaro Miata Club, P.O Box 2202, Queen Creek, AZ 85142



The Dashboard

ADD YOUR AWESOME PHOTOS TO MEETUP!

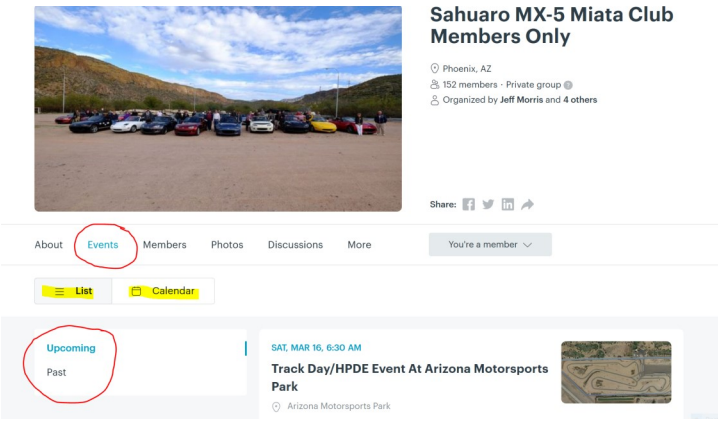
Did you know that you can post cell phone or other photos you've taken from all of our fun events up on *meetup*? It's a great way to share those fantastic photos you took while at any event, and its an act of volunteerism! It's quick & easy & FUN!!



Hope Morris, Webmaster

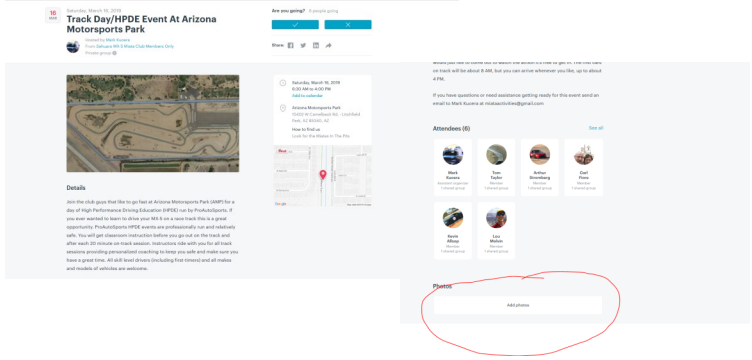
TIP: BEST way to add photos is immediately after the event....that way you don't forget and everyone gets to see them! We know members who post photos from their cell phones while they're driving home from the events! Please note this post is PC focused & cell phones may have minor variances re: the instructions than below, but all are very similar.

1. After the event, just go into Sahuaro Miata Club's Meetup Home page.
2. Select "Events" from the lower navigation bar under our Home page's car lineup photograph
 - Then choose an Event filter; "Upcoming" or "Past", depending on when you post.
 - See **Red Circles** in diagram below:



3. Once you click on your selected filter, you will be presented a series of Events in date order. This filter may be enough and your Event may be on your screen, below right, towards the top of the images, or easy to find with minimal scrolling.
4. If you're posting older photos, you may want to continue to a 2nd filter to find your Event by either a "Calendar" or "List" view, & select the Event that way.
 - See Yellow Highlights in diagram above:

5. Select the Event write-up that represents which ever Event you wish to post photos to. (This should seem very familiar, as at this stage this is very similar to how you get to an Event to "sign-up".) Your screen should now be filled with a view of your Event and it's detailed write up.
6. You are now ready to add your photos by scrolling down this Event screen: past the title and the sign up buttons, past the description, past the list of attendees who said they are going, and finally to "Photos".
 - There you will see a white bar that says "Add Photos"
 - See the **Red Circle** in diagram below



7. Select the "Add Photos" bar and you are all set to go! Your PC or Cell phone will take you to your photo file where you then select what photos you wish to upload. Different operating systems may have minor variations at this point, but they are all very similar. Select a photo and upload....EASY!
 - **TIP:** If you are doing this from a PC or environment where you can upload multiple photos at a time, suggestion is to limit your files to a total of 5 pictures. Additionally, limit file sizes to 5 meg.
8. Feels like it's too much for you? No problem! Just reach out to webmaster@sahuromiataclub.com, send your photos, and the Club will get them posted for you.

The Dashboard



JOIN THE PARTY ON FACEBOOK!

Hope Morris, Webmaster

Our club leverages FACEBOOK as a broad outreach to the general Miata owner population (or soon to be owners!) in the Greater Phoenix area. It's an inter-active space where interested parties can share information, hear about our Club and, if they so wish, take the leap to learn more via our website or preliminary access to Meetup. Mark Kucera acts as primary monitor, tho' any one can add content.



It's fun, informative, & supports the Club's outreach efforts. Posting is an easy act of volunteerism!

POSTING TO **facebook** , "SAHUARO MIATA INTEREST GROUP"

Sharing articles, websites, product highlights, or technical information may feel daunting but it's actually EASY as PIE! Follow these few simple steps to share material you've found on the internet out to your Miata friends on the "SAHUARO MIATA INTEREST GROUP" Facebook Page:

1. Highlight the address bar (URL)
2. Right click
3. Select "Copy"
4. Go to the Sahuaro Miata Interest Facebook Page
5. Click on "Write Something" (at the top of the center column)

6. Type in your comments
7. Right click under what you've written and select "Paste"

You should see the function insert what you copied.

If you copied and pasted a URL from the address bar, Facebook will display the website picture and title. (Cool trick!)

You can also add photos or a video:

1. Select the "Add Photo/Video" button
2. Browse your computer
3. Select the photo or video you want to share.
4. Select the "Post" button

Kudos, Mark Kucera!



There are over three years of posts on our Page on a wide range of subjects contributed by many people with varied interests. Mark shares that he's *"constantly entertained by pictures and posts on our Page, the interesting and informative technical information, and the ability to easily share with other Miata fans in a timely manner. Postings happen in real-time, which means you can get information out to a big audience quickly when it happens, or when you find something great you want to share."*

Mark is looking for help, however; with 176 current users & more adding every day, many of who are outside of the Club, support for posts, interesting stories, photos & videos is always desirable—particularly to keep content fresh in the fast moving social media world. Keep an eye out for all things Miata! If you think it's cool, IT IS! Share it out on Facebook!



AWESOME LINKS

Just follow the **BLUE** hyperlinks (use Ctrl/click) to reach some FUN and informative MAZDA USA websites, all about our favorite roadster!

1. Double Dare Ya to get 100% without a “do-over”!!

- For the MX-5, MAZDA has a [FABULOUS TRIVIA SITE](#)
- Think you know the MX-5....ohhhh really???
- Click the above link for **14 deceptively hard Trivia Questions on the History of the Miata**
- When you complete & get your score:
 - Post & BOAST on “**Sahuaro Miata Interest Group**” **Facebook Page!**
- **TIP:**
 - For this particular site due to the active functioning of the game, some PCs may need to have a **second window open in their browser at the same time** - dunno why it works, **it just does!**

2. Subscribe to MAZDA USA’s corporate MX-5 Newsletter

- YES!! [Mazda Corp has a Miata only Newsletter](#) !!!!
- New Miata owners may know about it - but NA, NBs, & NCs may not
- Sign up ASAP at the above link; get all the latest news and tech!

3. Miata Awards & Accolades

- Clicking this [MAZDA AWARDS & REVIEWS](#) link will land you with MX-5 already selected
- Just scroll down for all the Accolades and various Reports
- This site is a mix of 2019, 2018 & 2017 info

4. Graphical History of the MX-5

- Great info re: [TIMELINE & DEVELOPMENT of NA, NB, NC, ND & ND-RF](#)
- Awesome site...
 - BUT if you haven’t done the Trivia Quiz first, do NOT cheat & review this site until you do!
Tee Hee!
- **TIP:**
 - Scroll past the “build your new Miata” - if you can!
 - Also scroll past the Car & Driver accolades - we KNOW our Miata’s ROCK from #3, above.
 - Then you’ll reach the next section, “**A Family of Distinction—A History of the MX-5 Miata**”
 - Click continuously on the partial Miatas entering from the right—they’ll scroll across your screen and share their timeline and story
 - The kid in me has done this a good half dozen times! Great info and great graphics!



Miata Marketplace

FOR SALE

The club also has the “Sahuaro Miata Club Buy And Sell” Facebook page where you can list your car or parts for sale. Hit the “request to join” button.

From Member Ed Raker:

I’m offering up the Bose stereo that was original equipment on my ’02 Miata Special Edition.

Features include

- AM/FM Stereo radio,
- 6-disk in-dash CD player and cassette tape deck
- Speed-sensitive automatic level control and four settings of EQ boost, two for top up and two for top down.

So, “Why are you selling?” you might ask. For one simple reason . . . the CD changer doesn’t always change discs automatically when each completes it’s play. However, it plays individual discs just fine if you’re willing to change them manually - & simple cleaning of that disc changer might be all it needs.



Ed Raker 602-334-6427 or rakere66@gmail.com

In any case, the first \$25 takes it.

From Member Ed Raker:

Are you shopping for a 2nd (or 3rd) car, or perhaps one for a child or grandchild? You might want to consider this one offered by my friend and neighbor. It’s a

- 2017 VW Beetle
- 42K miles
- Clean and in very good condition.

I’ve driven it and been impressed by both the handling and the turbo-powered performance.

The price is \$12,500.

For more information & perhaps a test drive, contact:

Mr. Jack Papazian
16484 W Almeria RD
Goodyear, AZ 85395



Jack Papazian
(623) 535-4146
jpapaz@gmail.com



Address: 385 West Baseline Road, Gilbert, AZ 85233
Phone: (480) 833-0001

Letter to the Editor

Dear SMC Editor:

I feel compelled to share & write this letter to you & our membership—about our wonderful Sponsor, **Berge Mazda**. One consistency our Club has had for over 25 years is the support we have garnered from our friends at Berge. Berge Mazda, under the tutelage of **Mr. Brent “Mister B.” Berge**, has been there for our Club almost from our inception.

Berge has been a family business since 1972. A gold Cup recipient for Mazda service excellence, this Mazda dealership has made a real effort to be an outstanding member of the Mazda and Miata community of dealers.

As examples of this:

- **“Berge Miata Car Show”**: an annual sponsored event by Berge in the fall of each year.
 - Berge rearranges their parking lot to accommodate our Miata’s, insuring they are prominently displayed in front of the dealership.
 - Meals have been provided to participants
 - Hosts fun contents & Awards: “Best in Class”, “Best Gen”, “Most Miles”, “Oldest Maita”
- **“Concours in the Hills”**: sponsorship of SMC by Berge over the past two years in the winter
 - Berge’s sponsorship has helped our members defray part of their costs and helped us achieve a great turn out for the past two years.
 - This is an important annual membership drive for our club & has provided the SMC with terrific visibility in the greater Arizona automotive community.
 - Of course we also attend the “Concours” to support the Phoenix Children’s Hospital, a very noble cause, entrance fees of which contribute thousands of dollars to the Hospitals endeavors.
- **Monthly SMC Board Meetings**: On location sponsorship by Berge
 - First Tuesday of every month, Berge allows us the use of their conference room for our Board of Directors Meetings.

- We do not pay a fee for this, they generously offer use of their facilities
- Berge also participates in the Board meetings if the need arises

Stop in for a visit! When you step into the showroom of Berge Mazda you will find two very important Miata’s on display:

1. One is a BRG 1990 NA Miata. (You know, our first generation with pop up headlights.) This very special car has approximately 50 miles on it! “Mr. B.” has kept this special car at the dealership for almost 30 years.
2. The other important Mazda on their showroom floor is the Berge race car. This was built by Berge under the guidance of Mr. Todd McMahon. Todd has been a friend and supporter of our club for many years. Todd, along with being the “Director of Parts and Service”, has also been the driver of this race car since it first went on the track. (Another noteworthy friend of ours is Jenn McClellan, the Berge Customer Relations Manager. We thank both Todd and Jenn for their continued support of the SMC.)

As a club we owe Berge Mazda a big Thank You for their support. The Board of Directors would appreciate the Club’s patronage of Berge in consideration of all of their kindness they have bestowed upon us through the years.

As part of this close relationship, Berge offers our Club members a 10% discount on parts and labor when you bring your car in for service; just show your membership badge and remind the Service Department of the discount offering.

What more can we ask for in a sponsor?

THANK YOU Berge for your support and friendship.