



November 2017

Letter from the President



I trust that everyone has had a wonderful summer. Now, as we move into our wonderful Arizona fall and winter we can “Pop our Tops” and enjoy this exceptional weather.

This month I wish to address the word “Importance” and how it effects all of us involved in the Sahuaro Miata Club.

The “Importance” of participation.

I have received many compliments on the way our club has been run over the course of the last year. This has been a collaborative effort between our Board of Directors and the club. With that said, a club is nothing without the participation of its members. If you have enjoyed the events we have had then we as a board feel we have accomplished our mission. However, in order for our club to stay fresh, vital and fun we need your participation. What interests you? Where do you want to go? What events do you want to see us offer? By contacting our VP Events coordinator you assist him in keeping our club fresh, vital and fun. We also need people to lead events such as runs, restaurants and other activities. You will find your participation to be fun and rewarding. We offer on the job training at no additional cost! Mark Kucera our events coordinator may be reached at vpevents@sahuaromiataclub.com help us to continue to grow and keep the club fun.

The “Importance” of membership diversity.

Of course I am talking about diversity related to our interests as Miata owners. Most members get involved with our club for the social aspect. Other members love the runs we provide. While others are really interested in the performance side of our fabulous MX-5’s. With that said, we always reach out to bring in new members. Those who may be interested in “Track Days” and “Tech Days” may be disappointed in the lack of performance activities we provide our members. A thirty something auto-crosser would love to see event days with people talking about modifications to make their Miata’s perform better on the track.

You will see new events with a slant towards performance. We will still have our lunches, dinners, runs and other fun events. Look for new events geared towards those Miata owners who love to have fun on the track as well. All in an effort to make our club interesting for every type of Miata owner.

The “importance” of participating as a member of our “Board of Directors”.

The two most important aspects of a successful club consists of an involved membership and a dedicated responsive Board of Directors. I am always concerned that we have the dedicated people on our board. I am fully aware that many members are interested in paying their dues and participating in those activities that fit into their schedules. However, if you are someone who has given thought about doing more to assist your club, we need your participation. Please look for the article on “Board member responsibilities” in this newsletter. If you can assist your board in filling positions for the 2018 calendar you will help us keep the Club active and healthy! Please contact me at president@sahuaromiataclub.com or call me directly at 808-269-6693 today!

Hoping you have safe and healthy travels,

Jeff Morris

PEOPLE ARE THE KEY TO MAINTAINING A STRONG CLUB

There are currently 111 dues paying club memberships plus three active lifetime memberships. Life members are individuals who completed two terms as Club President. Club records show as many as 266 memberships in the past. Please help us grow again!

How are we reaching out to prospective new members?

Word of mouth from **you** and other club members

Windshield fliers that **you** and other club members place on a Miata

Mention by sales people at dealerships

Public events that **you** attend, like the Veterans’ Day Parade

Club’s Facebook page that **you** add interesting content too

Club’s Meetup page

SahuaromiataClub.com



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

October was a busy month for the club. Members participated in several events including Miatas at Mazda Laguna Seca Speedway in Lauguna, California, Bisbee Shady Dell Trailer Park Run and ending the month with Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on the 28th.

November is shaping up to be another busy month for members starting with the Adventure Rally on the 4th followed with the Veteran's Day Parade. After that is the Goodguys Southwest Nationals at Westworld and the Feed My Starving Children charity event on the 29th. Remember you can check for upcoming activities anytime on the event calendar located on Meetup.

November is also the time to start thinking about the board elections. Nominations must be submitted no later than November 8th. Elections will be held at the Holiday Party on December 9th. You will find list of of positions and the duties of each position in this months newsletter.

Starting this month current and previous newsletters will be available on the club website sahuaromiataclub.com thanks to Hope Morris.

Finally, I want to welcome Art Kessel who will be assisting me with this letter. He expressed an interest in assisting and I happily accepted. Art has a way with words as you will see in the two articles he wrote for this months issue.

Until next month,

Paul Gaskill, Editor



A die cast Miata with our club's logo is in the front display case at the Martin Auto Museum

Highlights from the recent Club Board of Directors Meeting

The Sahuaro Miata Club Board of Directors met at 10:00 a.m. October 3, 2017 at Berge Mazda in Gilbert.

Treasurer Tony Munro noted the club has a balance of \$3,489.49. There is no news yet from IRS on reinstating the club's non-profit status (revoked due a failure to submit annual reports nearly 10 years ago).

Membership Coordinator Nancy Cunningham reported that we have 96 dues paying memberships plus 3 active life members and one honorary member. Also discussed were ideas for obtaining information forms from members upon renewal.

Vice President Mark Kucera discussed upcoming club events. Key items included:

- A possible change for the Veterans Day Parade - each solo driver might possibly complete the parade route with a Purple Heart recipient as a passenger.
- Dates for monthly dinner meetings were set and possible speakers discussed.
- It was agreed to hold elections for the 2018 Board of Directors at the Holiday Party on December 9. Current board members were encouraged to reach out to club members who might be willing to serve on the Board. Nominations are due 30 days in advance.

Merchandise Coordinator Martha Purfeerst provided an update on merchandise, special order, badge, and raffle ticket sales.

President Jeff Morris stated that Newsletter Editor Paul Gaskill will announce a newsletter naming contest.

Next meeting 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 7 at Berge Mazda. Members are welcome to attend, but should contact Jeff Morris in advance due to the limited size of the meeting room.

With elections coming up you will find all the information regarding each post on the next two pages.

Board Duties

President

CEO and Chairman of the board

Prepare agendas and preside over board meetings, Membership meetings and special meetings.

Responsible for assigning non-voting BOD positions. (Editor, Nominating, Webmaster, photographer etc.)

Know each officers responsibilities and duties.

Maintain good communications with all officers/directors/committee chairman.

Chair the Annual Meeting. (Elections)

Chair the Christmas party.

Introduce all new members and out of town guests at all events.

Supervise all board members.

Adhere to Bylaws and Articles of incorporation.

Vice President and Events Coordinator

Coordinator of the events committee

Events must be planned several weeks in advance for publication in Meetup, website, newsletter or other electronic media.

All events to be approved by the board.

Make sure all new members are greeted and acknowledged at their first event.

Know the officers and directors duties and responsibilities.

Assume duties of the President in his/her absence.

Ask members for events and runs, find event hosts or leaders for each event.

Proof read all events, make sure all events are well thought out and complete.

Post events into meetup and announce events.

Treasurer

Account for all incoming funds and expenses.

Prepare monthly financial reports at month end for board approval.

Provide a copy of each monthly report for each board member.

Prepare semi-annual and annual reports for period ending 6-30 and 12-31

Responsible for year-end reporting to Arizona Corporate Commission.

Comply with the Federal Government for non-profit filings.

Complete 990N as required to maintain non-profit status.

Custodians of the Treasurers Reports

Communicate with Membership Coordinator to determine new members for accounting purposes.

Communicate with Marketing Director in order to reconcile sales and purchases of club merchandise.

Maintain a budget

Secretary

Record the minutes of all business at the board meeting and special meetings.
Email a copy of each board meeting to each officer/director prior to the next scheduled board meeting for review.

Handle correspondence as directed by the board

Maintain all previous meeting minutes and make sure they are accessible to all members upon request.

Historian of club documents

Merchandise Coordinator

Be a greeter at events attended

Make sure all members have a club name badge or temporary tag

Maintain an inventory of all club merchandise for purchase by club members

Responsible for the safety and security of all club merchandise

Replenish merchandise as needed

Introduce new items as warranted

Establish selling prices of all club merchandise.

Take orders for club badges, coordinate payment with treasurer and order badges for new members once badges have been paid for.

Handle give away opportunities at major events (Christmas Party and Monthly meeting exchanges or raffles).

Maintain monthly sales reports to the treasurer and Board

Notify the board of any issues regarding suppliers or price increases

Make proposals to the board of any new merchandise as requested by members

Manage raffle ticket sales at monthly and special meetings

Membership Coordinator

Contact all prospective members, send out new membership package

Follow up with prospective members to make sure their ability to join the club is easy and fast. Follow up at 30 and 60 day intervals if prospects have not joined

Assist new members in understanding meetup and how to find event information on a timely basis.

Revises member applications as needed

Compile a list of special events happening to members, such as birthdays, anniversaries, etc. to share at monthly board meetings.

Meet, greet and socialize with members at events

Immediate Past President / Member at large

Consultant to the President

Provide assistance when needed

Collectible car insurance can save you \$\$\$

Typical auto insurance policies do not limit your personal use of the vehicle. You can drive as often as you wish, for any personal need you have. In contrast, a collectible/classic car policy will only cover you for limited uses of your vehicle. The policy will also require that you have another vehicle for regular use. Those and other restrictions reduce insurer risk and thus significantly lower your premiums. In Arizona, a vehicle with collectible or classic car coverage might also be exempt from emissions testing.

The full list of restrictions on collectible/classic car policies is a bit long, yet many of our Sahuaro Miata club owners likely qualify. Every policy seems to include these requirements:

- You must have a different daily use vehicle for each member of the household.
- The household cannot include any drivers under age 25.
- The policy limits for bodily injury must be for the same dollar amount as the limits you carry for your other vehicles.
- The vehicle must be garaged when not in use.

Other requirements may vary between insurance carriers.

- Nearly all insurers limit your use to only car club and similar events, but no racing and no daily use, not even errands. Some allow other leisure use. Many insurers limit how many miles the car may be driven annually.
- Collectible/classic car policies generally only cover ordinary production cars that are old, often a minimum of 25 years old; most insurers do NOT consider the Miata an ordinary production car, so they have no age requirement for our cars.
- The insurer will require that you send them photographs of the car. The majority of firms will cover a vehicle needing restoration, though some have stricter limits such as only cars in “good or better” condition or even “show” condition only. Insurers will usually only insure cars of a minimum value, but those minimums may be as low as \$3,000.
- Most collectible/classic car policies are based upon an agreed value of the car instead of the typical Actual Cash Value as determined by an insurance adjuster. This can be important if your car is in far better condition than similar cars or if you’ve made valuable modifications to the car. However, some larger insurers issue Stated Value policies which are essentially the lesser of the Stated Value or Actual Cash Value.

In Arizona, vehicles with collectible or classic car coverage may also be exempted from emissions testing if they meet certain requirements. Those requirements are codified in ARS 49-542(Z).

The vehicle must either be at least fifteen years old or a unique or rare limited production vehicle. A 2002 or earlier Miata would meet that first requirement.

For the emission exemption the vehicle must also be used primarily for car club activities, exhibitions, or in a private collection and only infrequently used for other purposes.

The final requirement is that the collectible or classic car coverage must restrict vehicle use, mileage, or both and require that the owner have another vehicle for personal use.

If a collectible/classic car policy sounds interesting to you, speak to an insurance agent. Your current insurer may offer collectible/classic policies. You might also consider getting a quote from a firm specializing in these policies. Three of the largest such firms are:

American Collectors. 800-360-2277. Will insure Miata's regardless of the car's age. Must be in excellent condition, worth at least \$5000. Restricted use: car club events, restricted miles. Modified cars ok, but a much higher premium. 5% discount for car club membership.

Grundy. 888-647-8639. Will insure Miata's, regardless of the car's age. If needs restoration, must be drivable and at least 75% restored and worth at least \$5000. Restricted use: car club events, pleasure drives ok, no errands. Modified ok, but higher premiums.

Hagerty. 877-922-9701. Will insure Miata's, regardless of the car's age. May be in restorable condition. Restricted use: car club events, pleasure drives. Modified ok, but a higher premium. Discount for members of certain national car clubs.

Thanks to Rick Pasquale for sharing this with us.



Fall Road Trips



Fall is here and it's time to put the top down and start enjoying the cooler weather. What better way than checking out one of these events in the greater Phoenix area in the month of November and early December.

You can find more information on these events by going to local.aarp.org.

Salt River Fields Oktoberfest Wednesday, Nov. 1st

Carefree Fine Art & Wine Festival Friday, Nov. 3rd & Sunday, Nov. 5th 10am

Arizona Fall Fest Saturday, Nov. 4th at Hance Park

Sriracha Festival Saturday, Nov. 4th at Heritage Square starting at noon

Avondale Tater Tots & Beer Festival Saturday, Nov. 4th 3pm at American Sports Ctr

The Chiles & Chocolate Festival Friday, Nov. 10th Desert Botanical Gardens 10am

Fountain Hills Festival Fri.-Sun. Nov. 10th-12th 10am - 5pm

Fall Homebrew Fest Saturday, Nov. 11th noon at Kiwanis Park

Novem Beer Festival Saturday, Nov. 11th 1pm Downtown Phoenix

Arts & Craft Fair Sat.-Sun. Nov. 17th-18th 9-2:30 Congregational Church, Sun City

3rd Annual Phoenix Pizza Festival Saturday, Nov. 18th 11am Margaret Hance Park

Black Friday Market Fri. Nov. 24th 10am-4pm Cityscape

Gilbert Fine Art & Wine Festival Fri. 12/01 thru Sun. 12/3 10am at Gilbert North Civic center Complex.

Tempe Festival of the Arts Dec. 1st-3rd 10am-5:30pm Mill Ave. District

AARP SMART DRIVERTeK WORKSHOP

Understanding how the latest car technology works can make driving safer AND more enjoyable. AARP is here to help make it easy for you. Register for a 90-minute Smart DriverTEK workshop developed jointly by AARP Driver Safety and The Hartford, to learn the benefits of the smartest safety features – backup cameras, lane departure warnings and more!

Here are the dates and locations for the workshop.

Tuesday, November 7th

Leisure World (Mesa)

10am

Monday, November 13th

Cigna Health Care (Peoria)

12:30pm

Tuesday, November 14th

Deer Valley Senior Services

9:30am & 12:30pm

Wednesday, November 15th

Beuf Community Center

9:30am

Monday, November 20th

AutoNation Chevrolet Arrowhead (Peoria)

12:pm & 2:45pm

Monday, December 11th

Cigna Health Care (Peoria)

12:30pm

Monday, December 18th

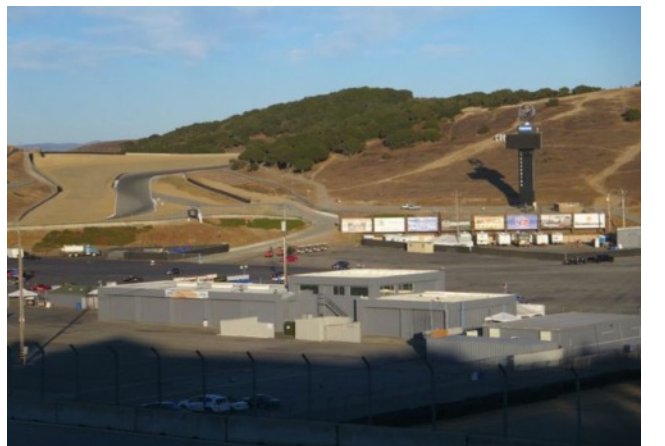
AutoNation Chevrolet Arrowhead (Peoria)

12:00pm & 2:45p.m.

Ready to sign up? Call AARP at **877 805 0674** to register for a workshop near you.



Our Miatas at Laguna Seca Raceway



A Special Afternoon Drive into Saguaro Lake

Written by: Art Kessel

Arriving at a pavilion at Saguaro Lake, our group of 18 Sahuaro Club members and their guests gathered for a picnic lunch and to reflect on the day's event. We were all there to experience a new journey other than in our road friendly Miata's. Rick Pasquale event coordinator managed the amazing, and put together an event that many of us will never forget. Having fun for the club doesn't always mean traveling on the highway, sometimes driving on the water can be just as exhilarating. Riding in a bright red 1963 Amphicar from the parking lot, down the boat ramp and into the water created gawkers and thumbs up from boaters getting ready to launch, wondering how I can get one of those makes for a one time memory.

Rick contacted Rob Vondracek, proud owner of the Amphicar and asked if he would be willing to take our group, 3 at a time for short tours on pristine Saguaro Lake. This is Rob's pride and joy, he loves to share his passion with as many people as possible, so he graciously accepted. You can definitely tell that Rob is a people person who takes your safety seriously,

The lake is a big draw for boaters, kayakers, paddle boarders and fishermen. There is 22 miles of shoreline that encompasses around 1,264 acres surrounded by majestic rock buttes. The scenery is some of the most beautiful of the 4 reservoirs fed by the Salt River which was formed by the Stewart Mountain Dam in 1930. Touring the lake with a bright blue umbrella over you to repel the sun at 8 kph you tend to view the serenity and beauty of the lake in a completely different perspective than the speedy boats that pass you by.

Rob loves to share the history on his Amphicar as best he can. The unique amphibious vehicle was designed by Hanns Tripple and later premiered at the 1961 New York Auto Show. A total of 3,978 were manufactured in West Germany from 1961 thru 1967 with actual production ending in 1965. Since the vehicle was marketed for the United States in order to be Coast Guard compliant, navigation lights, horn and flag were added. Even though Amphicar was German engineered, the vehicle was powered in the rear by an English Triumph engine with an output of 43 hp.

I have to say many thanks to Rick and Rob for giving us some fond memories





October Northwest Lunch at Dillion's



Lunch at Perch Pub & Brewery on October 18th



Pictured clockwise - Becky & Tom Shaw, Curtis & Cynthia Wood, Judy Zwickl, Ellen Shapiro and Hope Morris, Jeff & Hope Morris



Pictured clockwise - Laurie Neighbors, Lee Shapiro & Derek Neighbors, Tony & Cindee Munro and Royce & Terye Van Sanford

Back in Time in Bisbee, Arizona

By: Art Kessel

Wow, if you could imagine going back in time all the way back to the early twentieth century, then welcome to Bisbee, Arizona. Ed Raker and Lynn Jacobson, our event leaders guided us on a phenomenal overnight run to historic Bisbee. We have been on a few overnights with the club, but we never had the opportunity to relive the past.

The trip started in Chandler with a total of 7 Miatas. At 9:00 am we hit the road taking a scenic route along the Pinal Pioneer Parkway, to get to Tucson. From there, next stop was for lunch at The Café in the Sonoita, Arizona wine country. An hour and a half later the magic started, we arrived at the Shady Dell Trailer Park in Bisbee. Picture rows of antique RV trailers ranging in model years from 1950 thru 1959, along with a 1947 tour bus with a Tiki bar, and even a 1947 Chris Craft yacht. Everyone was blown away. The accommodations were as true to the period as possible. Everyone had a bathroom, refrigerator, a real percolator and, for the romantics, a working phonograph. Bisbee does offer an excellent choice of bed and breakfast hotels as well.

After we settled in to our RVs, Ed and Lynn took Iris and me on an historical drive around Bisbee. Quite a bit of the architecture dating back to the early 1900s up to the 1950s. The city now is a tourist destination with lots of galleries, arts and crafts and antique stores. The streets are amazing and are a perfect fit for a Miata. So many streets would only allow one car thru so it became quite a challenge to maneuver around. After getting back to the park we relaxed at a gazebo on the property to meet and talk. A few people had some interesting stories regarding their visit to downtown Bisbee. Later we all met up for dinner at The Copper City Saloon for drinks and barbeque. To add to the nostalgia the restaurant played music from the 50s and 60s. The next day we had breakfast at the Bisbee Breakfast Club located on a street right out of the 50s with antique cars parked all along. This was right out of the movie "Cars." After breakfast we all got to learn what drove Bisbee's economy and that was mining. Ed had planned for us to all take a tour at the Queen Mine and it was as authentic as it gets. The tour was guided on a real mining train by a real miner who started right out of high school in 1959 and retired in 1975 when the mine closed. Not only was he colorful, but he knew every aspect of copper mining. We all had a great tour. For anyone who cares about Bisbee's history it was a big part of Arizona's economy. Bisbee was founded as a copper, gold and silver mining town in 1880. Bisbee prospered with copper and gold mining until Phelps Dodge Corporation ceased copper mining operations in 1975. In its current state, the Queen remains as a museum and tourist destination. Since its closing, Freeport-McMoRan bought Phelps Dodge in 2007 and is investigating new means of mining in this area.

After the tour we all took off in different directions, some of us to go back home, some to try wine tasting and some for a trip to Tombstone and lunch. But with us we take our recollections of a memorable trip.

Shady Dell / Bisbee



RV Relaxing Becky and Tom Shaw



Chilling Art and Iris Kessel



Geared up for the Queen Mine tour, Lynn Jacobsen, Martha Purfeerst, Chris Speers and Ed Raker





2017 Bisbee - Shady Dell Trailer Park Tour Roster

Name	Car Description	Generation
Ed Raker & Lynn Jacobson	2002 Titanium SE	NB
Curtis & Cynthia Wood	2002 Silver	NB
Iris & Art Kessel	2008 Black	NC
Chris & Fran Steers	2014 Copper Red	NC
Martha Purfeest	2014 Crystal White Pearl Club	NC
Becky & Tom Shaw	2015 White Club	NC
Derek & Laurie Neighbors	2016 Black	ND

Monthly Dinner/Meeting

On October 26th the 2nd monthly dinner / meeting was held again at Fuddrucker's. Jeff Morris shared with the attendees pictures and a short video from Laguna Seca Raceway event and then discussed the features of using Meetup.

We celebrated the birthday of Vince Gaspar with a birthday cake and the last event of the evening was a raffle.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Rick Pasquale is the club's Secretary for 2017, having served as Events Coordinator in 2016. He and his wife Linda live in Paradise Valley. They both enjoy spending time with granddaughter Veda, hiking, gardening, watching movies, going to plays and attending concerts. Rick, who is originally from Pennsylvania, volunteers in a wide variety of assignments, including weekly "Meals on Wheels" deliveries using his NC Miata. He's participated in different competitive sports for all his life and is currently playing soccer for as long as his knees will allow. Linda grew up in North Dakota and is an avid quilter.

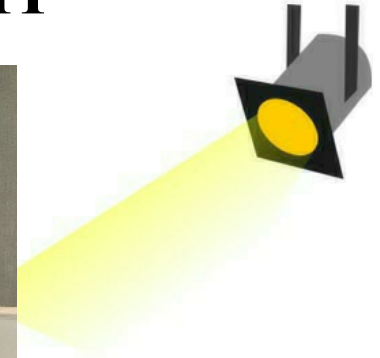
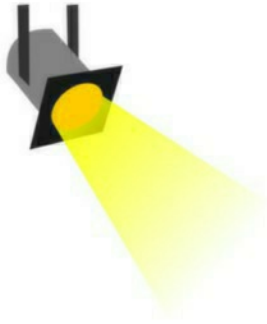
Rick and Linda have enjoyed leading some unique club events this year: Breakfast with historic warbirds at Falcon Field, a run to Florence to visit the amazing St Anthony's Monastery, a rolling tour viewing three dozen historic places in central Phoenix, a visit to the Martin Auto Museum, boating in an Amphicar, and on November 4, an adventure rally. They encourage every club member to consider leading an event.

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.

Serving the Greater Phoenix Miata Community

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Terye Van Sanford is on the board as the 2017 member at large. She and her husband, Royce moved to Phoenix from Maryland in 1975 and live in North Central Phoenix.

On April 15th, 1994 Terye bought her first Miata a 1994 M Edition in Montego Blue Mica. The next day she joined the Sahuaro Miata Club. In 2000 Royce got a Special Edition in Mahogany Mica. Then in 2006 Terye needed a new car so she bought a 2006 GT in Nordic Green Mica.

Terye and Royce traveled to the Laguna Seca Miata 25th Anniversary Event in 2014 to witness the introduction of the new ND design. A highlight of the event was when four little red Miatas were driven in exhibition, and Terye decided immediately that the ND was in her future. Terye enjoyed taking the delivery wrappings of her new 2016 Soul Red Launch edition when it arrived at the dealership in July 2015!

Over the years Terye has held various board positions including Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Coordinator. Terye and Royce are also long time season ticket holders for The Arizona Rattlers. In her spare time Terye is teaching herself to crochet.

Terye and Royce are also members of the San Diego Miata Club. And if your keeping count yes, they own four Miatas!!

Membership Renewals

Membership renewals are due January 1st. On the next page you will find the New Membership/Renewal Application. This needs to be completed and returned to Nancy by either mailing it to the address on the form or e-mailing it to membership@sahuaromiataclub.com. Any questions contact Nancy Cunningham.



www.sahuaromiataclub.com

New Membership / Renewal Application

Member's Name: _____ DOB: (M) ____ (Day) ____

Member Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (Home): _____ (Cell): _____

Email Address: _____

Spouse / Partner: _____ DOB: (M) ____ (Day) ____

Check here if phone and email are the same as Member's above.

Phone: (Home): _____ (Cell): _____

Email Address: _____

Year of Miata: _____ Color: _____ Trim: _____

Special/Limited Model: Special Edition: Anniversary Edition:

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Tell us how you heard about our club: _____

By checking the box (left) you affirm that you have a valid Driver's License and Insurance.

Club membership roster is maintained on the SMC Meetup site; access is limited to active (current) members who have requested to join the Meetup Group. Club activities are maintained and updated on the Meetup site only. This site is accessible via cell phone or computer. It is the members responsibility to set up user name (first and last required) and request access to the site once your dues have been paid.

Release statement: I wish to participate in activities and events organized by the SahuarO Miata Club. In consideration of the right and privilege to enter and participate in these events, I hereby agree to release the SahuarO Miata Club, its officers, organizes, members, sponsors, and vendors from any and all liability for injury, damage, or loss arising from my participation and attendance in any club activity. (If spouse / partner is also applying for membership, they must also sign).

Member: _____ **Date:** _____

Spouse / Partner: _____ **Date:** _____

Please return this signed application to:
The SahuarO Miata Club
P.O. Box 2202
Queen Creek AZ 85142

Club dues year is Jan – Dec
Dues may be paid at PayPal.com to:
Treasurer@Sahuaromiataclub.com Please use Friends
& Family payment option or send check (\$25.00) with
application.

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Do It Yourself Project

For several weeks I've been toying around with the idea of replacing the radio in my 2003 Miata. After too much research I purchased a Kenwood KDC-BT372U from Crutchfield that included removal tools and dash kit. Removing the radio took less than a minute. The kit is made for the 2003 and fit perfect. I pre-wired the harness before installation so all I had to do was slip the unit in and connect it to the existing harness. No modification needed to existing wiring. One problem was the antenna cable. I had to re-route it to connect to the new radio. This installation does not require any modifications which means if at some point you wanted to sell your car the OEM radio can be re-installed.

The project took a little over an hour, cost less than \$100 and now I have hands free calling for two phones, bluetooth, a USB port, satellite radio and most important storage under the radio for my phone etc.

Considering I still have 14 year old speakers the sound quality is much improved than with the factory radio. I can only imagine what the sound would be with new speakers. If you have a DIY project you want to share with the club send it to me with photo to editor@sahuaromiataclub.com Thanks, Paul



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LAST LAUGH

The dentist tells his patient it's going to take 5 weeks to fix his teeth.

He says the 1st week I'll fill your cavities.

The 2nd week I'm going to excise your bicuspid

The 3rd week I'm going to put crowns on your molars

The 4th week I'll put braces on your incisors.

The patient then asks what are you going to do the 5th week ?

The dentist says buy a Miata.