



# HORIZONS

## Sept - Oct 2002

*From across the water...*

***A letter from Kim Adams, who recently accepted a teaching position in England!***

Hello All,

Just thought I would write a note to let you know that I made it to England and am settled in my new "flat" just fine.

After a 10 day trip to Mont St. Michel, Paris, and London, I am now back in the Isle of Wight where I will begin work soon as a high school teacher.

I have to say, France was quite a surprise. I have always heard that the French people hate Americans (well, they are supposed to hate everyone that is not French), but it was quite the contrary. I learned French before I left and thought I was ready for anything. Boy was I wrong. (LOL) But I knew enough to let them know that I was trying, and everyone I came into contact with was very kind. Most French people speak English. Heck in fact, there are radio stations, television stations, and other media that is in English all over the place. They'd have to be an idiot NOT to learn English. So, if you at least TRY to speak French, they cut you a break and speak English. It was quite amusing.

Anyway, the disappointment came when we got to London. We stayed in such an out-of-the-way quaint place in France, that when we got to the huge hotel and were shuffled around like cattle in London, we were quite bummed. We (my sister and I) got to see Stonehenge and Bath, England. If you have never been to Bath, you gotta go... it was quite a site! Of course, Stonehenge was not a disappointment either. It was quite extraordinary considering I just saw "Signs" with Mel Gibson before I left Tampa. If you don't know what I am talking about, go see the movie.

Ok, so now I am back on the Island. Reality is settling in. I am going thru the "What the hell did I just do?" times. I had a nice house, nice car (poor Ziggy, I miss her already), family and friends all around... to being alone in a flat surrounded by strangers.

On the flip side, it helps that we just went thru Cowes Week. For those of you that are not sailors, this is like the sailing capital of the world around here (at least that is what I have been told). Now we are into the speed boat racing week. It is quite a site.

Well, I'm at a 10 pence a minute Internet cafe', so I'd better cut it short.

If anyone is interested in coming to visit, I've got an extra room with bunk beds!!! I could really use some American company! (LOL)

Talk with you all soon!  
Kim

Sign that Cherie Turner has hanging at her desk at work:

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*Little Billy and his Dad were down at the autocross watching the Miatas zipping through the cones.*

*Little Billy looks up at his Dad and says, "Dad, when I grow up, I want to be a Miata driver."*

*His Dad looks down at him and says, "You can't do both, son."*

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### The 2003 Colors...

### Splash Green and Garnet Red!



August Board Meeting

Notes about what is going on in the club, upcoming changes and upcoming elections...

**Topics to discuss at the Board meeting**

- 1. Articles of Incorporation
- 2. Modifications to bylaws
- 3. Budget and expenditures to date
- 4. Merchandise
- 5. Membership
- 6. Sponsors
- 7. Advertising
- 8. Newsletter
- 9. Web Site
- 10. Committees

- Tech Sessions
- Dine & Drives
- Rally / Poker Runs
- Ballot / Nominating
- Activities-----
- Ballot-----
- Fellowship-----
- Historian-----
- Marketing-----
- Membership----- George Bickner
- Motorsports----- Jonathan Skinner

attendance: Lloyd and Kathy Davis, Joe and Ilona Wessling, Kevin Morrison, LoAn Nguyen-Linthicum, Bill Bullington, Paul Shaffer, Jonathan Skinner, George Bickner

- board reviewed changes to constitution made to enable the incorporation pass. 2 items changed and will be voted on by members present at Tuesday's (8.20.02) club meeting
- money report - treasurer has balanced as close as possible. Adjustment to be made at end of year to make all accounts balance according to records and bank
- tickler to go on list reminders to advise people to support the charity efforts
- Kevin will supply Bill with the clubs Federal ID info
- Ilona will order merchandise (selections at this time are blue and grey for regular shirts and to add a chambray shirt to the line)
- club/membership director to incorporate a "buddy system". George will assign, according to demographics, 'veteran's club members to new member as mentors so that they can chat, ask questions and learn what the club is about, have a friendly face at events
- George has created a Club directory. He will get it printed and ready for distribution - he will leave a couple of blank pages for notes! ; )
- Kathy will see that local area Mazda dealers get a sponsorship package and flyers to post or hand out
- Paul is responsible for hooking up with sign guy and ensuring that the Courtesy signs are placed on trailer in a timely manner
- Kevin is going to coordinate a Tech session with Stuart - date considered is Oct 26 or 27 (this is scheduled for Nov now)
- Kathy has volunteered to be secretary and newsletter editor

Nominees for November elections:

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| Activities----- Dave Tietz        | Ballot----- Loren Williams     |
| Fellowship-----Ed Link            | Historian-----Ed Simon         |
| Marketing-----????????            | Membership----- George Bickner |
| Motorsports----- Jonathan Skinner | Treasurer -----LoAn Linthicum  |

Club Meeting - August

- Bill opened the meeting with attendance - a whopping 36 people at this meeting!
- Bill explained the buddy system that we are beginning to implement.

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The Buddy System

All new members will be assigned 2-3 "veteran" club members according to demographics. These veteran members will call or email new members and talk to them, let them know what the club is about and invite them to meet with them at an event/meeting. This will enable new members to learn about the club, have a friendly face to connect with and help them get involved.

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--Voting:

- Item 1...Club unanimously voted for the age change to 18 years old for voting on club business. Constitution will be changed.
- Item 2...Club unanimously voted for the president of the club to be the official representative of the club.

- Don Reese had surgery and is recovering slowly from it (tonsillectomy). Keep him in your thoughts.
- Treasury report was given
- George B has created a directory and all members will receive one soon.
- 3 new members : Bob Bartlett and Loren Williams and John Keeler

POSITIONS FILLED.....

- Fellowship position will be assumed by Ed Link. Duties to include maintaining a birthday list and club anniversary list to send out a note/card on behalf of club.
- Kevin is assuming the Historian position
- Loren is assuming the Activities Chairperson position
- Upcoming events discussed: Mote Marine this Saturday and the MG/Miata Rallye October 5. Also discussed the Funcanna hosted by Central Florida Miata Club. SRMC has been invited. Visit the website for more info. Joe and Ilona to host a "Fall into the pool" Party Sept 14th. More details to follow. They will supply drinks and meat.
- Autocross group will get together and discuss new ideas and changes to improve. Reregistering with a discount at the gate is being considered.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 and we ate!

## Quick Tech Tip

by Kevin Morrison

If you have a Miata with a few miles on it, you may have noticed that many cars, especially the older, higher mileage ones, have gotten that plastic pan under the engine all beat up. They get punched by road debris, snagged on parking barriers, and just generally worn out. It looks terrible when a couple of the bolts come out and the thing starts sagging down under the car.

The cure? Order a new one, of course! The part number is NA01-56-111F (cover, under) and your dealer should be able to order it for you. Cost is under \$50. It's just held on with eleven 10mm bolts and screws, so if you have access to a pair of ramps and a basic tool set, replacement is a snap.

The belly pan serves an important function, too. It helps channel air through the radiator, rather than allowing it to escape underneath. It also keeps the motor a lot cleaner by preventing water from splashing up into the engine compartment.

Don't let your car's underbelly look ugly!



Loren and Cathy finally make it to Florida!  
Here Loren sports his  
new Florida license plate.



## COURTESY MAZDA OF TAMPA



## Dealer Notes...

by Kevin Morrison

### Courtesy Mazda of Tampa Supports the Club in a Big Way...

For this entire year, the autocross series is known as the Courtesy Mazda of Tampa/Sunriders Autocross Series. It's a mouthful, but it rightly calls attention to those who have helped make the whole thing possible. Courtesy is also sponsoring the club as a whole by buying one-year memberships for all their customers who purchase a Miata. So far, they have sent us quite a few new members. They are also offering us a 20% discount on parts and service!

Stop by their showroom on Dale Mabry in Tampa and say hi to club member Cherie Turner - she's a salesperson there!



### Lindell serves our St. Pete people...

Don't forget long-time club sponsor Lindell Mazda in St. Pete. They've been buying memberships for Miata buyers for several years now and it seems a large proportion of our current membership came to us through them. Lindell also offers a 20% discount in the parts and service department for club members. Visit the web site for some great on-line specials too. <http://www.lindellcars.com/online-specials.htm>



Ten Best Tools of All Time (Truthful and humorous!)  
posted by Kevin Morrison

Forget the Snap-On Tools truck; it has never been there when you need it. Besides there are only ten things in this world you need to fix any car, any place, any time.

1. Duct Tape - Not just a tool, a veritable Swiss Army knife in stickum and plastic. It's safety wire, body material, radiator hose, upholstery, insulation, tow rope, and more--in an easy to carry package. Sure, there's prejudice surrounding duct tape in concours competitions, but in the real world, everything from Le Mans-winning Porsches to Atlas rockets use it by the yard. The only thing that can get you out of more scrapes is a quarter and a phone booth.

2. Vise Grips - Equally adept as a wrench, hammer, pliers, baling wire twister, breaker-off of frozen bolts and wiggle-it-til-it-falls-off tool. The heavy artillery of your tool box, vise grips are the only tool designed expressly to fix things screwed up beyond repair.

3. Spray Lubricants - A considerably cheaper alternative to new doors, alternator, and other squeaky items. Slicker than pig phlegm, repeated soakings will allow the main hull bolts of the Andrea Doria to be removed by hand. Strangely enough, an integral part of these sprays is the infamous Little Red Tube that flings out of the nozzle if you look at it cross eyed (one of the ten worst tools of all time).

4. Margarine Tubs with Clear Lids - If you spend all your time under the hood looking for a frendle pin that caromed off the peral valve when you knocked both off the air cleaner, it's because you eat butter. Real mechanics consume pounds of tasteless vegetable oil replicas just so they can use the empty tubs for parts containers afterward. (Some, of course, chuck the butter-colored goo altogether or use it to repack wheel bearings.) Unlike air cleaners and radiator lips, margarine tubs aren't connected by a time/space wormhole to the Parallel Universe of Lost Frendle Pins.

5. Big Rock at the Side of the Road - Block up a tire. Smack corroded battery terminals. Pound out a dent. Bop noisy know-it-all types on the noodle. Scientists have yet to develop a hammer that packs the raw banging power of granite or limestone. This is the only tool with which a "Made in Malaysia" emblem is not synonymous with the user's maiming.

6. Plastic Zip Ties - After 20 years of lashing down stray hose and wiring with old bread ties, some genius brought a slightly slicked-up version to the auto parts market. Fifteen zip ties can transform a hulking mass of amateur-quality wiring from a working model of the Brazilian Rain Forest into something remotely resembling a wiring harness. Of course it works both ways. When buying a used car, subtract \$100 for each zip tie under the hood.

7. Ridiculously Large Craftsman Screwdriver - Let's admit it. There's nothing better for prying, chiseling, lifting, breaking, splitting or mutilating than a huge flat-bladed screwdriver, particularly when wielded with gusto and a big rock. This is also the tool of choice for all filters so insanely located that they can only be removed by driving a stake in one side and out the other. If you break the screwdriver--and you will just like Dad and your shop teacher said--who cares, it has a lifetime guarantee.

8. Baling Wire - Commonly known as MG muffler brackets, baling wire holds anything that's too hot for tape or ties. Like duct tape, it's not recommended for concours contenders, since it works so well you'll never need to replace it with the right thing again. Baling wire is a sentimental favorite in some circles, particularly with the MG, Triumph, and flathead Ford set.

9. Bonking Stick - This monstrous tuning fork with devilish pointy ends is technically known as a tie-rod separator, but how often do you separate tie-rod ends? Once every decade if you're lucky. Other than medieval combat, its real use is the all-purpose application of undue force, not unlike that of the huge flat-bladed screwdriver. Nature doesn't know the bent metal panel or frozen exhaust pipe that can stand up to a good bonking stick. (Can also be used to separate tie-rod ends in a pinch, of course, but does a lousy job of it).

10. A Quarter and a Phone Booth - See tip #1 above.

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## Deals Gap or Bust!

(this car was too awesome not to share!!)



**Aug 28, 2002**

**Bachelors Of Culinary Arts**

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As soon as a female friend finds out Brett Wilmore can cook, she asks, "When are you going to cook for me?" says the Tampa bachelor, who learned to cook by trial and error.

TAMPA - Bryan Thrasher's friends call him Betty Crocker. His kitchen looks like a Food Network set.

"Every Christmas, my stocking is full of spices," he says. "I get all kinds of cool kitchen stuff from Santa."

He may grimace at the nickname, but the 26-year-old's tastebud-tingling talents haven't gone unnoticed by the fairer sex.

Two and a half months ago, Amanda Ballinger was lured by the promise of a homemade lasagna, and the couple has been dating ever since.

"To me, it was just kind of surprising," she says. "It shows that [men] can function in the kitchen, which is more than I can say for myself."

Real Men Make Quiche Though the world of professional chefs and short-order cooks is vastly dominated by men, women still seem to find it incredible that the cute guy she just met not only manages to feed himself but also can put together an impressive spread for her.

"It's difficult not to," says Brett Wilmore, 29, who honed his culinary prowess through trial and error. "As soon as a girl finds out you can cook, that's the first thing she says: 'When are you going to cook for me?'"

"They always say that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach, but the same is true for women." Still, a guy who knows his way around a pot and wooden spoon is bound to feel some performance anxiety when he's cooking for that special someone. What results are men who only trust themselves with a handful of meals and are nervous to try anything new.

"I definitely stick to the things I know are going to turn out OK rather than take a risk and be a little bit more creative," says Kevin Morrison, 30. "If you're trying to impress somebody that you don't know well, you want to stick with the tried and true."

But what if your sweetie's delicate palate doesn't jibe with your time-tested dining experience?

Danny-Ray Polson, 34, had to completely rethink his menus when he started dating a picky vegetarian.

"I grew up in the South: I'm all fat and fried and butter," he says. "It was a challenge, but it was fun to learn a different way to cook."

And if dinner just won't cut it, there are always other meals.

"Breakfast is one of the easiest things to cook," says Jessel McConnie, 31. "It's one of those things that right away it's impressive because the other person is waking up to that smell and knowing something is there for her." How's that for a pickup line? Why Wining And Dining? It would be easier to take her to a nice restaurant. Cheaper to write her a poem. Less time-consuming to buy flowers. But guys seem to instinctively realize that there's just something special about breaking homemade bread together.

"There is something wonderfully romantic and nurturing about a man stepping outside what we consider generally 'guy' behavior," says dating expert Lisa Daily of Minneapolis, who outlines for women the positive associations that men make with food in her book, "Stop Getting Dumped."

"A man who cooks is implying that he's a settle-down kind of guy," Daily says. "He's not uncomfortable with a little domesticity, which most women find extremely attractive."

McConnie says that cooking is a great bonding experience.

"You should be looking for marriage material, and you want to be able to contribute to the relationship," whether it's around the house or in the kitchen, he says.

Polson considers his cooking a sign of independence that a woman would find attractive.

"For me, it's more to let her know that she doesn't have to be at my beck and call," he says. "I don't want a woman to be my caregiver - I've already upgraded from my mother, and I don't need that again."

Just the words every woman wants to hear. But when he sets that plate down in front of you, are his intentions really so noble?

"One thing to remember is that by cooking for a woman, the man gets her to his home, alone, and with a valid reason for having her there," Daily says. "For a guy, that's three-fourths of the way to a slam-dunk."

Morrison can't completely disagree.

"Gosh ... why do guys do anything? Because they think it will get them something. I don't necessarily mean sexually - I just mean it will get them points."

"It's all about the points." Reporter Jill M. Revelle can be reached at (813) 885-5427, Ext. 2

# New Car Marks Bittersweet End To An Automotive Era

JILL REVELLE

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I finally did it, and I'm sporting the tangled hair and sunburn to prove it.

Those of you who have been faithfully reading The Quarterlifer for the past several weeks might remember that one of my goals to be achieved before my 10-year class reunion was to buy a convertible. (To those of you who don't have any idea what I'm talking about, catch up on archived columns on tbo.com, keyword: BayLife.)

I knew exactly what I wanted: a 2002 crystal blue Mazda Miata, black interior, with an automatic transmission and cassette player. Don't laugh - I can't drive a stick, and there's no way I am paying to replace 200 cassettes with their CD counterparts.

As luck would have it, Cherie - Courtesy Mazda's Miata guru - was able to find my dream car right here in Tampa, and she was supremely helpful in selling it to me. She explained the wonders of zero-percent financing. She extolled the virtues of extended warranties. She showed me how to work the intermittent wipers.

## Baby, You Can Drive My Car

The one thing Cherie couldn't teach me, though, is how to let go of the car that came before.

To pay for the new car, I still have to sell the old one, and it's proving difficult to find a good adoptive family. Theoretically, I know that the '96 Saturn sedan is nothing more than a well-planned pile of gears, bolts and dent-resistant molded plastic. But I can't help feeling that he (yes, the Saturn is a strong and dependable "he") has a soul in there somewhere - one that remembers our seven years together as fondly as I do.

Like all the times we drove cross-country from college to home and back. Or like the time I accidentally locked his keys inside with the engine running.

And the time I did that again.

I know I heard him laughing.

Then there was the fateful day when we got rear-ended twice in one afternoon, two hours apart, by two different powder-blue hatchbacks navigated by two different reckless drivers: one of whom had let her insurance lapse, and one of whom had never even bothered to get his license.

Thank goodness for tough bumpers and good body shops. "Saturn Racing," as he became affectionately known, was first chosen for his flip-down rear seats because my guy du jour was talking marriage, and I wanted a vehicle that would accommodate the bulky case of the cello he played.

Since then, he (the car, not the guy) has seen me through five changes of address, four years of college, three sets of brakes, two speeding tickets and countless tanks of the cheapest gas available.

And he still looks as good as the day I drove him off the lot.

The "Wave Rule"

But the convertible looks even better.

I've never had the pleasure of driving a car that can make it up a hill without threatening to roll back down unless you turn off the air conditioning and radio to conserve energy.

And I'm going to have to get used to this "wave rule" thing. Apparently, according to Cherie the Mazda Chick, Miata owners wave at one another when they pass on the road. I've never had a car that came with its own social circle.

Nobody waved when I was driving Saturn Racing. Not that Saturn owners aren't proud of what they have - the brand's buyer-loyalty rates continue to rise - but the feeling of camaraderie can't compare: "Look! You're driving a cost-effective, high-mileage, ultrareliable family sedan, and so am I!"

It just doesn't work.

My friends have appointed me the permanent designated driver - even though lack of space dictates they can only ride one at a time. And I'm not embarrassed to valet park anymore.

"It's good to see girls can get hooked on cars, too," my gear-head buddy John responded, as I showed him proud-parent photos of the Miata's first day home.

I'm not sure what he meant by that, but as I ride off into the sunset with the wind at my back, dodging the rain clouds and picking bugs out of my hair, I've decided I'm not offended.<

Jill M. Revelle walks, looks and drives like an ace now, and can be reached at (813) 885-6852.

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## Exhibit A: The Wave!



## Calendar of Events

**I Tuesday, 9/17/2002** SunRiders Tampa - Jimmy Mac's Monthly Meeting 6:30 PM kick the tires, 7:00 PM dinner and meeting. Meeting location is Jimmy Mac's Restaurant located one block south of Gandy Blvd. in Tampa on Bridge Avenue, just west of Westshore. Look for the big Imperial Marina sign on Gandy. Hosted by SunRiders Miata Club of Tampa, FL -- For more information: visit [www.sunriders.com](http://www.sunriders.com) or contact Loren Williams at [Loren@SunRiders.com](mailto:Loren@SunRiders.com) (727) 797-1062.

**I Thursday, 9/19/2002 - Sunday, 9/22/2002** MOC Washington, DC National Miata Event Limited to 200 entrants and slots are filling fast. Check out the DC Mazda club site for details: <http://www.mscw.com/miata2002/> Hosted by Miata Owners Club of America -- For more information: visit [www.miataownersclub.com](http://www.miataownersclub.com) or contact Member Services at (800) 968-4980.

**I Saturday, 9/21/2002** SunRiders Clearwater Marine Aquarium. Aquarium Visit meet at 11:00am at the Sam's Club at US 19 and Hwy 60 (Gulf to Bay Blvd). Contact Geena Giacometti ([lunagirl@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:lunagirl@tampabay.rr.com)) for more info. Hosted by SunRiders Miata Club of Tampa, FL -- For more information: visit [www.sunriders.com](http://www.sunriders.com) or contact Loren Williams at [Loren@SunRiders.com](mailto:Loren@SunRiders.com) (727) 797-1062.

**I Saturday, 9/28/2002** Big Bend Panhandle Chautaugua Vineyards Car show at the vineyards at Defuniak Springs. Email [AndiChris@cox.net](mailto:AndiChris@cox.net) for details. Some info on the Big Bend website. Hosted by Big Bend Miata Club -- For more information: visit [www.BigBendMiataClub.com](http://www.BigBendMiataClub.com) or contact Larry Ochalek at [lochalek@BigBendMiataClub.com](mailto:lochalek@BigBendMiataClub.com).

**I Saturday, 9/28/2002 - Sunday, 9/29/2002** Sebring Raceway - Sebring Speedfest. Come out for the whole weekend, or just one day, and watch the Spec Miatas duke it out! A field of 20 to 30 Spec Miatas are expected for this spectator event. A one day ticket is \$15 and a two day ticket is \$25. For more info, contact Kevin Morrison at [Kevin@SunRiders.com](mailto:Kevin@SunRiders.com) Hosted by Sebring International Raceway of Sebring, FL -- For more information: visit [www.sebringraceway.com](http://www.sebringraceway.com) or contact Ticket Office at (800) 626-RACE.

**I Saturday, 9/28/2002** Southwest Florida Port Charlotte Dinner & Mini-Golf. Dinner at 5pm, Golf at 7pm, Ice Cream later? RSVP by September 26th. Details on the SWFMC website. Hosted by Miata Club of Southwest Florida -- For more information: visit [www.miataclubofsouthwestflorida.com](http://www.miataclubofsouthwestflorida.com) or contact Tom Boehm at [boehmtom@comcast.net](mailto:boehmtom@comcast.net)

**I Saturday, 10/5/2002 SunRiders Tampa MG/Miata Rallye** Saturday, October 5, 2002 - 10:00/10:30 am. Please join Dave & Dianne Tietz for a Fun Rallye on October 5th. It will be a fun run in the country to see some sights you haven't seen before. This is a joint event with the Florida Suncoast MG Car Club and the Sun Riders Miata Club (you will get to look at some different tail pipes than what you are used to). We end the Rallye at a great restaurant! Bring your favorite navigator, it's much easier (and safer) to have someone read the instructions for the next turn or site to see. We leave independently at 2 minute intervals so members with last names starting with A through L come at 10:00 am and last names starting with M through Z come at 10:30 am (you won't have to wait as long). Please RSVP with Dave Tietz before October 1st to get your starting position. Either call 727/321-3809 or e-mail [dave@sunriders.com](mailto:dave@sunriders.com). Please RSVP so we will have enough instruction sheets and an accurate head count for the restaurant. We meet in the parking lot of the Sea Breeze Restaurant which is on Business 41 in Southeast Tampa, just past the 22nd Street Causeway (south end). Hosted by SunRiders Miata Club of Tampa, FL -- For more information: visit [www.sunriders.com](http://www.sunriders.com) or contact Loren Williams at [Loren@SunRiders.com](mailto:Loren@SunRiders.com) (727) 797-1062.

**I Sunday, 10/6/2002** GCAC Ft. Myers Autocross Saturday Novice School & Practice, Sunday competition. Hosted by Gulf Coast Autocrossers, Inc. of Ft. Myers, FL -- For more information: visit [www.gulfcoastautocrossers.com](http://www.gulfcoastautocrossers.com) or contact Dave Hutter at [dhutter@aol.com](mailto:dhutter@aol.com).

**I Friday, 10/11/2002 - Sunday, 10/13/2002** Ecurie Vitesse Sugar Loaf Key Bay Bottom Crawl A unique annual autocross event staged on 2.2 miles of abandoned roads on Sugar Loaf Key down south. We really need to plan for this one next year! Hosted by Ecurie Vitesse Sports Car Club visit <http://www.evsc.com/> or contact Jack Brumwell at [jack@tvmarti.com](mailto:jack@tvmarti.com).

## Calendar of Events continued.....

**I Friday, 10/11/2002 - Sunday, 10/13/2002** First Coast St. Augustine Miata Monster Mash

A weekend of fun in St. Augustine. Details on the FCMC website.

Hosted by First Coast Miata Club of Northeast Florida & Southeast Georgia -- For more information visit [www.fcmmciamiata.com/](http://www.fcmmciamiata.com/) or contact Kathy Garvin at [redmiata@aol.com](mailto:redmiata@aol.com) (904) 387-7992.

**I Saturday, 10/19/2002** SunRiders St. Petersburg Autocross Annual Sunriders Performance Driving School. Allstate Campus at 3200 34th Street South in St. Petersburg. Details on the Courtesy Mazda Sunriders Autocross series and directions to our autocross site can be found on the Sunriders website. For more info Contact Jonathan at [RareMiata@aol.com](mailto:RareMiata@aol.com) or (727) 424-9683. Hosted by SunRiders Miata Club of Tampa, FL -- For more information: visit [www.sunriders.com](http://www.sunriders.com) or contact Loren Williams at [Loren@SunRiders.com](mailto:Loren@SunRiders.com) (727) 797-1062.

**I Sunday, 10/20/2002** SunRiders Tampa Calypso on the Channel 6:00-9:00 pm. Sunriders Joe & Judy McCormick invite you to join them at the Davis Islands Garden Club for a fun, relaxing evening. Calypso Sound Steel Band will be performing under a full moon. Bring your own blanket, picnic and bottle (like we did for Shakespeare in the Park) . Tickets are only \$10 donation (may be tax deductible). There will also be a Silent Auction with great prizes (i.e. - an exciting ride in a vintage open cockpit plane)!!! If everyone wants to caravan over Judy can try to reserve parking space for all our cars next to the concert area. For more information contact Judy McCormick at [joen-judy@earthlink.net](mailto:joen-judy@earthlink.net) or (813) 254-1850. Hosted by SunRiders Miata Club of Tampa, FL -- For more information: visit [www.sunriders.com](http://www.sunriders.com) or contact Loren Williams at [Loren@SunRiders.com](mailto:Loren@SunRiders.com) (727) 797-1062.

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**I Saturday, 11/9/2002** Central Florida Ocala Funcanna. The fall favorite is back, a veritable carnival for Miata-going grownups. A variety of low speed events will challenge drivers and navigators in blindfolded driving, Supersoaker drive-by marksmanship, and other moving violations featuring ping pong balls and stuffed animals. More details on the CFMC website. Hosted by Central Florida Chapter of the Miata Club of America -- For more information: visit [home.mpinet.net/moments/cfmc](http://home.mpinet.net/moments/cfmc) or contact Bill Gusky at [moments@mpinet.net](mailto:moments@mpinet.net).

**I Saturday, 11/9/2002 - Sunday, 11/10/2002** GCAC Ft. Myers Autocross Florida State Championship Hosted by Gulf Coast Autocrossers, Inc. of Ft. Myers, FL -- For more information: visit [www.gulfcoastautocrossers.com](http://www.gulfcoastautocrossers.com) or contact Dave Hutter at [dhutter@aol.com](mailto:dhutter@aol.com).

**I Friday, 11/15/2002 - Sunday, 11/17/2002** Southwest Florida Homosassa State Park Swim With The Manatees RSVP and make reservations by October 15th if possible. Details on the SWFMC website. Hosted by Miata Club of Southwest Florida -- For more information: visit [www.miataclubofsouthwestflorida.com](http://www.miataclubofsouthwestflorida.com) or contact Tom Boehm at [boehmtom@comcast.net](mailto:boehmtom@comcast.net)

**I Saturday, 11/16/2002** SunRiders St. Petersburg - Just Miata Tech Session Just Miata in St. Pete is going to host a club tech session. Members can do routine maintenance on their cars using the lift and get expert advice on everything from tires to timing belts. More details to come. Hosted by SunRiders Miata Club of Tampa, FL -- For more information: visit [www.sunriders.com](http://www.sunriders.com) or contact Loren Williams at [Loren@SunRiders.com](mailto:Loren@SunRiders.com) (727) 797-1062.

**I Saturday, 11/23/2002** SunRiders St. Petersburg Autocross SunRiders November Autocross. Allstate Campus at 3200 34th Street South in St. Petersburg. Details on the Courtesy Mazda Sunriders Autocross series and directions to our autocross site can be found on the Sunriders website. For more info Contact Jonathan at [RareMiata@aol.com](mailto:RareMiata@aol.com) or (727) 424-9683. Hosted by SunRiders Miata Club of Tampa, FL -- For more information: visit [www.sunriders.com](http://www.sunriders.com) or contact Loren Williams at [Loren@SunRiders.com](mailto:Loren@SunRiders.com) (727) 797-1062.

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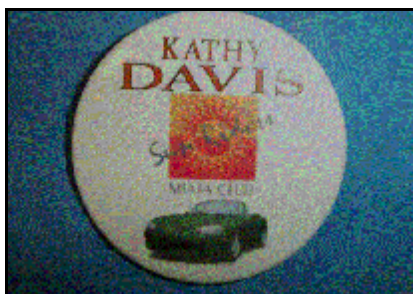
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**I Saturday, 11/30/2002 - Sunday, 12/1/2002**

GCAC Ft. Myers Autocross

Saturday Novice School & Practice, Sunday competition. Hosted by Gulf Coast Autocrossers, Inc. of Ft. Myers, FL -- For more information: visit

[www.gulfcoastautocrossers.com](http://www.gulfcoastautocrossers.com) or contact Dave Hutter at [dhutter@aol.com](mailto:dhutter@aol.com).

**I December 2002 Sunday, 12/8/2002**

Dixie Region SCCA Tallahassee

Axis vs. Allies. This annual autocross event the splits the competitors into teams based on where their car was built according to how that country was "aligned" during WWII. That puts Miatas on the "Axis" side, all in good fun, of course. Hosted by Dixie Region Sports Car Club of America -- For more information:

visit [www.dixiescca.com](http://www.dixiescca.com) or contact J.D. Kemp

**I February 2003 Saturday, 2/1/2003**

SunRiders St. Petersburg Autocross

**TENTATIVE DATE** First Sunriders Autocross. Allstate Campus at 3200 34th Street South in St. Petersburg. Details on the Courtesy Mazda Sunriders Autocross series and directions to our autocross site can be found on the Sunriders website. For more info Contact Jonathan at [RareMiata@aol.com](mailto:RareMiata@aol.com) or (727) 424-9683.

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**I March 2003 Saturday, 3/8/2003** SunRiders St. Petersburg Autocross

**TENTATIVE DATE** Joint event with the MINI Club, limited to 20 Miatas and 20 MINIs. Allstate Campus at 3200 34th Street South in St.

Petersburg. Details on the Courtesy Mazda Sunriders Autocross series and directions to our autocross site can be found on the Sunriders website. For more info Contact Jonathan at [RareMiata@aol.com](mailto:RareMiata@aol.com) or (727) 424-9683.

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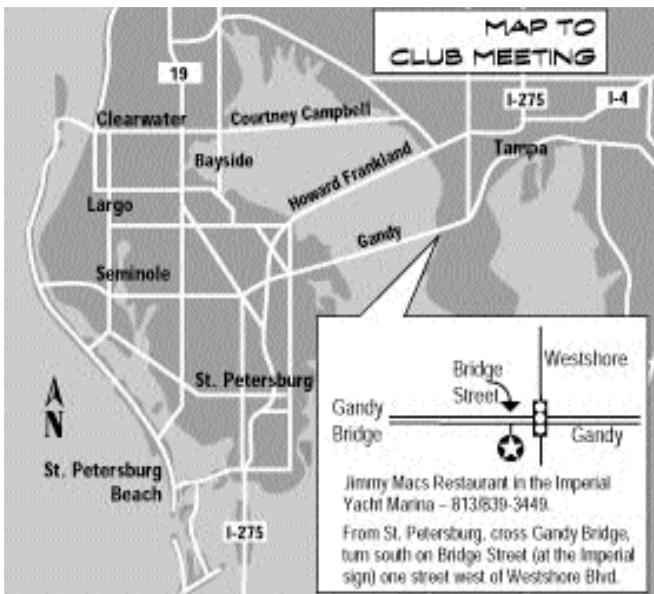
## Join us at our club meetings...

We meet the third Tuesday of each month. Currently our meetings are being held at Jimmy Macs Restaurant, tire kicking starts at 6:30 and the meeting begins at 7:00pm.

For more information visit the web page at:  
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If you received this newsletter and are not a member of our club, please consider this an invitation to join.

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