

# Miata Sounder



*Newsletter of the Puget Sound Miata Club  
The Oldest Miata Club in the World*

## Great Northwest Gathering Aug. 23

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*Hosted by PSMC Board*



*Inside the Sounder . . .*



*Bret Wilson, Enrique Garcia, and Glen Hernandez, at autocross events (Photo by Denise Williamson). Details, Page 7.*



*An obstacle course is one of the challenges in the lives of many Miata drivers at the annual Northwest Gathering. This is a photo taken by Mindy Bohnas from last year. See story to your right.*



*A number of cars enjoyed the annual trek up to Hurricane Ridge on July 13. If you missed this drive, you can still take advantage of several others while the weather is nice. See pages 3, 6, and 8 for upcoming drives and information. (Photo by Tom Millar)*

Mark your calendars for the next big PSMC event—the Great Northwest Gathering! Sponsored by the PSMC Board of Directors and Officers, this event will kick off at 10 a.m. Saturday August 23 at Coop's Miata in Maple Valley. Cost is \$15 per car or \$20 for two in a car **if you mail in payment by August 19!** After August 19, it will jump by \$5 for the extra person, to \$25 for 2.

Mail your early registration by check or money order to: Charlotte Fellers, 1800 4<sup>th</sup> St NE, Auburn, WA 98002. Please specify if you prefer a chicken or beef entrée for lunch as well. Then, go to the PSMC website and RSVP there too. By registering early, you will guarantee a meal for our head count. On the day of the Gathering, we will have a few extra servings of lunch, but we cannot guarantee you will get a meal. So register early! The cost will stay at \$25 for 2 on the day of the Gathering but we may not have extra lunches for same day entries.

We'll have the usual opportunities to catch up with old friends from past years or meet new friends who take advantage of the Gathering to show off their Miatas as well as enjoy some fun and games too. You'll want to sign up early for this fun annual event!

The lunch this year will feature beef brisket or teriyaki chicken, baked beans, salad, rolls, and ice cream bars for dessert. Please specify beef or chicken when you pre-register. Coke and Pepsi products and ice water will be served with lunch too. You can help the club save money by bringing a reuseable water bottle.

If you are more interested in showing off your car, plan to enter the CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE. Registration for this judged event begins at 10 a.m. and judging takes place at 11 a.m. Awards will be presented in three classes: Miata Stock Class, Miata Modified Class and People's Choice. Awards will be announced at 2 p.m. Other contests will involve drivers and their passengers maneuvering their way through imaginative obstacle courses designed by Bill Cooper, our host who has again allowed us to use his magnificent property. Don't miss the chance to come on out and show off your superior driving skills in these fun events.

Also planned this year are some vendors who will be onsite to take care of other car needs. The Dent Guy will be on hand again this year to take care of those annoying dings in your car doors or other nicks on the paint jobs. Please check the website for other vendors who may respond after the Sounder deadline. You'll get a ticket for some fun door prizes too! We hope to see you there!

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## aftermath

# Parade provide loads of fun!

For more info, go to [www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org](http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org)

It's hard to believe that the 2008 Parade Season is almost over! A fun group of about 12 cars have attended many parades this summer, showing off their Miata-decorating ingenuity. Additionally, a fun mix of princesses, queens, and other dignitaries have graced the cars this summer as we promote goodwill and heighten awareness of our club.

This summer marked the first time the PSMC made an appearance at the annual Marysville Strawberry Days Parade June 21. Just three cars showed up for this exciting and long parade, which requires every entry to have lights since it takes place in the evening around dusk. All three cars that attended were, in fact, board members: Melanie Wood, Bill Bell (our 2008 parade co-coordinator) and Charlotte Fellers.

This turned out to be a good thing, because these three cars are red, white and blue—so the PSMC entry was allowed to drive three across down the street, lights a-blazing and horns a-honking. This is one of the longest and largest parades the club participates in, so we're hoping for an even better showing in future years.

We always have a great showing for another huge parade on our calendar: the Chinatown Parade. This one involves the Miatas parading with the Miss Chinatown and Miss Japan royalty, making for a very festive and eye-catching entry. Often, Channel 11 films this parade so sometimes we are on television.

We'll wrap up the season in September with two final parades. The Muketilio Parade September 6 is always a fun parade with the Miatas counted on to drive a variety of dignitaries or unusual entrants. For instance, last year, Wonder Woman rode in one car and in the past we've carried many princesses and local government officials. The crowd for this parade is very friendly, and the parade sponsors often give the entrants a snack like Krispy Kremes or bottled water.

Finally, we'll make another appearance in the Leavenworth AutumnFest Parade on September 27. One of the largest parades of the year, this one is not one to miss. The entries are always lavish and the colors are always beautiful. We usually stop at a winery in Wenatchee for lunch and then continue on to Lake Chelan for the evening in a nice hotel.

Sunday often features rain, but if it doesn't we usually caravan back over the Cascade Highway, enjoying this beautiful drive one final time before winter sets on.

If you haven't participated in a parade, then it's time you did. The more the merrier and we'll even help you decorate the car!

## instant replay/upcoming events



*The Puget Sound Miata Club serves as parade cars for many area parades during the annual Seafair celebrations. Here is a photo of the Kingston July 4th parade, in which the club carries princesses from Kingston, Kitsap County, and the Miss American Rose royalty. One of the happy results of the parade exposure is recruitment of new members! (Photo by Mindy Bohnas).*

**Here are details on the final parades of the year:**

**Saturday, September 6th**--Muketilio Parade, daytime, over early, fun crowd. They often provide refreshments along the parade route, rain or shine!

**Saturday, September 27th**—Leavenworth AutumnFest Parade—a real crowd-pleaser, tied to a drive on Sunday (includes an overnight in Leavenworth area).

For more information on parade information or to find out more, contact [arbill@hotmail.com](mailto:arbill@hotmail.com) or Dan White at [miata@sillyoldbear.com](mailto:miata@sillyoldbear.com)

## Olympic Peninsula Tour will feature lots of color

October 4-5, 2008

Meeting date & time: Oct. 4th @ 9:00 AM

Meeting place: Hawk's Prairie Restaurant  
8306 Quinalt Dr. NE, Lacey

*Hosted by Millar & McGranaghan*

Imagine the grandeur of the great Pacific Northwest, enjoying the magnificent fall colors, while traveling the historic Highway 101. This pristine tour will begin at Hawk's Prairie Casino and Restaurant in Lacey, proceeding along the Hood Canal. There will be an alternate route for those north-enders coming via the Kingston

ferry. The first leg will end at 7 Cedars Casino where south & north travelers will meet up at approximately 11:30 a.m. and enjoy lunch. Following lunch, the tour will proceed along Highway 101 and stop at the Harbinger Winery on the outside of Port Angeles. After some tasting of these fabulous wines the group will then continue their journey along Highway 101.

After lunch, the tour will take a nice deviation along Highway 112, exploring the Neah Bay Scenic Byway, and hooking up once again on Highway 101. Driving along the Pacific coast, traveling through Forks and Kalalock, the tour will deviate once again from Highway 101 onto the Moclips Highway, arriving at Pacific Beach Motel & Conference Center in time to check in, enjoy dinner and continue our grand time.

The Pacific Beach Motel & Conference Center is a Navy recreational facility, operated out of Naval Station Puget Sound in Everett. Tom Millar, a retired Coast Guard Lieutenant Commander, will be your host at the Navy facility. This facility was once an active Naval station, monitoring submarine activities along the Pacific coast. Today, it is a full service recreational facility featuring several motel-like rooms and "Presidential Suites", with pricing ranging from \$50 - \$87 per night. It also has a game room, bowling alley, outside activities, gift shop, restaurant and a full service bar. Tour participants will need to make their own reserva-



*The Olympic Peninsula Run will feature an overnight stay at the beautiful Pacific Beach Resort, near Moclips.*

*(Photo by Tom Millar.)*

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# 2008 LeMay Annual Car Show August 30

**Show Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**For more information:**

**[www.lemaymuseum.com](http://www.lemaymuseum.com)**

The LeMay Museum will be open for its annual car show Saturday, August 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.. Not only do you get a once-a-year chance to view more than 1,000 vintage cars, you can do it for FREE if you decide to sign up to volunteer to help out that day.

The PSMC is one of the sponsoring clubs for the LeMay Museum, so one of the opportunities we have as members is to volunteer to help with crowd control, collecting entry fees, or parking cars for a few hours. This allows members to enter the show for free.

If you don't want to work that hard, you can attend anyway! The LeMay Car Show is a one-of-a-kind event, featuring not just cars, but also a collector's paradise of dolls, antiques, and other memorabilia.

Additionally, this show is the only day of the year the museum grounds are open to the public. Collector cars can display at the event and at the end of the day, LeMay hosts an auction of restorable and car parts on site. The preview for the auction is at 9 a.m. with the auction to kick off at noon. Most of the cars up for auction have been stored undercover since they were acquired. You can review the list of cars and parts up for auction at [www.lemaymuseum.com](http://www.lemaymuseum.com).

Here is a teaser list of nothing but cars that you can view at this once-a-year event:

1. Rolls Royce Room
2. Happy Days Room
3. Chrysler Letter Car Room
4. Fire Truck Alley, Cadillac Room, Mopar Room  
2nd Floor: Ford Room, General Store, Soda Fountain, Santa Shop
5. Custom Room, Metro Room
6. Muscle Car Room, Big Truck Room, Packard Room, Stutz Fire Truck  
2nd Floor: Early Brass Room, Doll Rooms, Lawford Room, Harold's Office, Amphicar Room, Daimler Room
7. Service Station
8. School House
9. House Garage
10. Disc Jockey / Sound Booth



Directions to the Museum: From I-5, take Exit 127 East to State Hwy. 512. Take the Steele St. Exit (1st off ramp) and turn left at the light. Stay on Steele/Spanaway Lp. Turn left to Tule Lake Rd. Turn left at Ainsworth. Parking lots P2 and P3 are on either side of Ainsworth.

2nd off ramp: (the Pacific Ave. exit). Turn right at light to Pacific Avenue. Turn left at 159th East. Parking lots P5 and P6 signs at East B Street.

## Off-Site Parking Also Available

Free parking and shuttle to each site

253.536.2885

Alternate Parking Locations\*:

- P1—Washington High School-North
- P2—Rainier View Church  
Ainsworth & Tule Lake Road
- P3—Washington High School  
South Ainsworth & Tule Lake Road
- P4—Faith Community Church  
10 Ave. E. & 152nd Street
- P5—Spanaway Jr. High School  
157th Street East & B Street
- P6—Thompson Elementary  
157th Street East & B Street

\* Collector car parking on-site only @ Marymount

*Have you hosted an event lately?  
The Sounder is looking for more  
firsthand accounts of these great  
drives! Submit your write-ups to:  
[editorcharlotte@gmail.com](mailto:editorcharlotte@gmail.com).*

# ? Which oil is the best for your car? ?

(This article is condensed from the website [www.streetcommodores.com](http://www.streetcommodores.com), where you can read the full text of this material, which was written by Ben Nightengale).

Ever wonder which motor oil is the best for your car? With so many to choose from and in so many weights and grades, it can be a confusing choice for many drivers. But in an unusual experiment, Street Commodores conducted tests of a number of different motor oils to figure out which is the best oil for the best price and does the best job.

To conduct the experiment, SC purchased one of everything off the local store shelves. Next, they tested the film strength properties of lubricating fluids. They used a lubricant testing machine developed by a company called Timken, which developed the Timken OK Load--the maximum load in pounds a lubricant could withstand without failure due to breakdown of the lubricant film. To overview, they just tested one specific attribute of the oils with the goal being to demonstrate long-term wear in a short period of time.



One thing the authors noted is that a number of additives come with that bottle of oil. The manufacturers of car oil are trying to provide a product that provides for longer service life and engine protection.

You will want to look for the API Certificate stamps on any oil you purchase. This starburst mark means the oil meets performance requirements set up by the auto manufacturing industry and the lubricant industry. The full text of the article gives a lot more detail and discussion about this stamp, so go read it on the website if you are interested in learning more.

The important thing is to look at some oils. Here's a brief recap of some representative results of testing (not all oils are discussed here):

- One oil that performed well for the money is the Pennzoil GT Performance Semi-Synthetic 10W-40, at a cost of \$37.99 per quart. It was rated "pretty good for the price."
- Gulf Western Ultra 15W-50, at a cost of \$25.99, is a semi-synthetic version of Protecta Multi Valve. The cheapest oil on the test, it had higher pressure resistance than some other oils and was the lowest in price.
- The Mobil 1 OW-40 is a fully synthetic oil formulated with a "patented SuperSyn anti-wear technology." For all its hype, this expensive oil (\$89.99) was outperformed by oils for half the price, and was outperformed by another Mobil product, the Synth S.
- Red Line Synthetic 5W-40, \$119.99 is advertised as a synthetic oil that is designed to bring the highest protection, cleanliness, and superior drain intervals with the lowest friction. This was the second most expensive oil tested, and it was not the best performer by any means. Extreme pressure properties were not as good as some of the much less expensive oils

- Shell Helix Plus Semi-Synthetic 1 5W50, \$26.99, was the second cheapest oil in the test and actually outperformed the more expensive Helix Ultra.

- Castrol Formula R OW-40, \$67.90, is a high-performance engine oil tested under race conditions. The manufacturer recommends it for sports cars and high performance engines. This oil was a disappointment. The short answer is: it just didn't perform well.

- Valvoline Durablend 10W-40, \$41.99, is sold as a synthetic blend -based formula for higher performance than conventional oils and better value than full synthetics. This oil performed "far better than all of the other oils in a similar price point." It beat the majority of oils that were more expensive and was rated a good value for the money.

- Royal Purple 10W-40 Multigrade, \$79.99, is the only oil formulated with the Royal Purple proprietary 'Synerlec' technology, forming a tough lubricating film on all surfaces and purported to have superior wear protection. This was the best-performing oil of all, leaving very little wear pattern in the test, and actually "micro-polished" the bearing. While it is not the least expensive, it showed impressive results so it is one oil that may be worth the money.

*And the winner is. . .*



# 4th Annual Miata/Corvette Run to South Bend

Sunday, August 31, 2008/Labor Day weekend

Your PSMC Hosts: Bob & Sally Thomas

Contact Information for Hosts: Phone 360-426-5218, e-mail [tottenone@aol.com](mailto:tottenone@aol.com)

Puget Sound Miata Club and Corvettes de Olympia will again join forces for a road run to the "Come and Play On Labor Day" parade and street fair at South Bend, Washington. This year is the Miatas' turn to lead the tour.

New start location: Meet for breakfast at 8:00 AM, Sunday Aug. 31 at Denny's Restaurant at 301 E. Wallace Kneeland Blvd. in Shelton, Wash. (Coming north from Olympia on US 101 that is the 3rd Shelton exit. Coming south from Port Angeles on US 101 it is the first Shelton exit. The restaurant is near Wal-Mart and Fred Meyer.)

If you can't make breakfast, join us there about 9:00 AM to launch on the road tour through some scenic back roads of Mason, Grays Harbor and Pacific counties. There will be traditional "pit stops" near Montesano and/or Raymond.

We'll arrive at South Bend about noon and clean the bugs off the cars. Bring your usual parade decor and mobile car-cleaning kits. Parade will start at 1:00 PM. We may carry or escort dignitaries, as assigned by the committee. If you are already at the ocean beaches for the holiday weekend, feel free to join us at the parade start. There are traditionally free hot dogs and sodas at the finish line for the participants, and then we cool down at local establishments before heading home (or to other weekend activities).

This event is ALL about driving cool cars down great sports car roads on a brisk morning of late summer or early fall. Our public service in supporting the South Bend parade is just an added attraction. Please register on the club web site, so the hosts have an accurate count of participants and a reservation count for the restaurant.



This is an archival photo of an early downtown South Bend parade looking east. Note the trolley tracks running through the middle of the street! (Photo courtesy of Greg Wonhoff, Pacific County Historical Society).

## New Faces

We hope to meet you at an event soon!

By Sean McGriff  
Data Coordinator

Larry Clark  
Bob Pitre

Lynnwood  
Anacortes

## Familiar Faces

Try a new Miata Event this year!

By Sean McGriff  
Data Coordinator

Pat and Dick Foster	90 Mariner Blue	16
Dale & Charlene Sain	95 Merlot	12
Dana Ruth Wilber	99 White	3
Paul & Jane Hutt	97 Black	2
Karen Michaud	02 Silver	2
Sean & Megan Cooper	94 Laguna Blue	1
John Brandy &		
Debby Deryck	95 Red	2
Ric Seymour	97 Red	11

# Busy as an Autocrosser!

By Denise Williamson

A busy autocrosser is a happy autocrosser. At least that's what I've heard. If that's the case, then we're a region of many happy autocrossers. This past month, there were autocrosses at Bremerton (once), Packwood (twice) and Tacoma (twice).

The June 22 event at Bremerton was hosted by BSCC. It was a HUGE event, with 199 entrants. I don't know if that's a record. In Sports S, *Tom Slipp* ('91 Miata), *TJ McGeary* ('91 Miata) and *Chris Halstead* ('89 RX-7) made it a 2-3-4 finish. *Dieter Beldi* ('07 MazdaSpeed 3) finished first in Large Sedan, and *John Kabigting* ('91 Miata) finished 13<sup>th</sup> in the large Street Tire class.

June 28 was SCCA ProSolo #2 at Packwood. There were 78 entrants at this hot (100+ degrees) event. *Dieter Beldi* ('07 MazdaSpeed 3) placed first in Stock 3. In SM2, *Brett Wilson* and *Enrique Garcia* drove Brett's '99 Miata to second and fifth place finishes respectively. Kudos for this event go to *Dieter Beldi* and *Brett Wilson*. Dieter had the ninth top indexed

time of the day, while Brett had the ninth top unindexed time of the day. Extra kudos go to *Dieter Beldi*, who won the overall ProSolo event!

SCCA #5 at Packwood on June 29 was hot hot hot! Yes, it was even hotter than the previous day's ProSolo. Shade was hard to come by (except in the awesome covered pits). Many of the 142 entrants opted to run in the morning group, figuring it would be cooler. The sole first place PSMC driver was *Rich Blake*, who won S2 in his '94 Miata. *Dieter Beldi* ('07 MazdaSpeed 3) placed second in S3, and *Tim Irwin* ('89 Porsche Carrara) placed fifth in NS1. In SM2, *Bob Bundy* ('90 Miata) placed second and *Rickey Carlson* ('90 Miata), in a rare appearance this year, placed third. OPAX was the most popular class for all drivers (including PSMC drivers) at this event. *Glen Hernandez* (Canadian '06 Lotus Elise) placed second, *Brett Wilson* ('99 Miata) placed 20<sup>th</sup>, and *Enrique Garcia* ('99 Miata) placed 29<sup>th</sup>. Kudos for the event go to *Glen Hernandez*, who had the second top indexed time of the day, as well as the ninth top unindexed time of the day.

Next up was a WWSCC double-header at Cheney Stadium in Tacoma, July 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. July 5<sup>th</sup> was the ACE Dogfight '08. Out of 83 entrants, there were five PSMC drivers, three of whom won their classes! *TJ McGeary* (IB), *Bob Bundy* (OS), and *Dieter Beldi* (SD) were the lucky winners. *Alan Dahl* ('07 Pontiac Solstice GXP) placed third in PRO1, and *John Kabigting* had fun in the Time Only class.

July 6 was the 33<sup>rd</sup> BEAC Autopilot. There were 107 entrants, including eight PSMC drivers. *TJ*, *Bob*, *Dieter*, and *Alan* placed exactly as they did the previous day: 1, 1, 1, 3. Joining in on the fun in the ST3 class were *Russ Hill* (3<sup>rd</sup>), and *John Kabigting* (5<sup>th</sup>), both in '91 Miatas. Having fun in the Time Only class were *Bob*, *Brett Wilson*, *Glen Hernandez*, and *John*. Kudos for the event go to *Bob Bundy* and *Alan Dahl*. Bob had the third and eighth top unindexed times of the event, and Alan had the fifth top unindexed time of the event.

Coming next month (depending on when results are posted): traveling to autocross in foreign lands!

## August Autocross

2-3	SCCA Wendover ProSolo	Wendover Airport
3	BSCC Event #6	Bremmerton Raceway
5	BSCC Monthly Meeting	Round Table Pizza, Gig Harbor
10	WWSCC BEAC Enduro	Sanderson Field
12	NWR/SCCA	Solo Committee Meeting
16-17	Goldie's Airport Way (SCCA) SCCA Packwood National Tour	Packwood
18	WWSCC Council Meeting	Goldie's Airport Way (WWSCC)
19-21	Evolution Schools	Packwood
23-24	SCCA Packwood ProSolo	Packwood
29	BSCC Lapping #3	Bremmerton Raceway
31	NWR/SCCA Event #7	Bremerton Raceway

## upcoming events

### Book hotel now for Oct. Olympic Peninsula Run

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tions by calling 1-888-463-6697, referencing the Puget Sound Miata Club and Tom Millar, LCDR (ret.), USCGR. This is the way this works, when you make a reservation, your credit card will be charged for the stay. However, you have up until 10 days before the date of arrival to cancel the reservation and receive a credit to your card. The Navy also has a web site at: <http://www.navylifepnw.com/site/68/Pacific-Beach.aspx>. Following dinner, there is a party room that we can use for an after-dinner gathering.

Following breakfast the next day, the tour will continue along the coast for awhile and then inland where some twisty roads will be encountered on our way back home.

Tom & Cindy Millar have completed the pre-run for the tour and it promises to be delightful. They have booked a Presidential Suite (limited number) for the evening of October 4<sup>th</sup>. We have a block of 5 rooms of various descriptions held aside for us until September 5<sup>th</sup>. Tom believes, after a bit of confusion, that he now has the Navy straightened out as to our plans and they are anxious to serve us. **IMPORTANT:** It is

essential that you book your accommodations at Pacific Beach as soon as possible as the place tends to book up fast. Remember, you are not on the hook financially unless you cancel after 10 days prior to the day of your stay.



*The Olympic Peninsula Run will feature beautiful oceanside breaks like this one, taken by Tom Millar on the pre-run.*

### Corn Maze Drive set for October 11

*Hosts: Charlotte Fellers & Tom & Cindy Smith*  
*Contact: 253-333-7442 or editorcharlotte@gmail.com for more information.*

A new drive has been added to the PSMC calendar this year, scheduled for October 11 at 1 p.m. If you have never taken the opportunity to visit one of the many corn mazes in the area during the fall harvest season, this is your chance to see what all the excitement is about and have some fun with your Miata friends too.

This drive will be hosted by Charlotte Fellers and Tom and Cindy Smith. Still in the planning stages, the starting point will most likely be someplace in the Renton area with a short drive to the Carpenito Brothers Corn Mazes in Kent. Located at the intersection of West Valley Highway and 272nd St., the mazes are different every year, and should offer some fun challenges to all. This drive will be more about the corn mazes and other activities at this fun locale. The venue also gives you a chance to purchase fall vegetables in season (they have the largest cabbages for the lowest prices around!) and you can buy pumpkins, decorative and edible squash, and late season fresh corn on the cob. The outdoor market also features caramel corn and kettle corn and other snacks and drinks to curb your appetite in pursuit of solving the mazes.

This attraction is best toured in early October because as the month wears on, the maze gets a lot of use and starts to look a bit "withered" by month's end. By scheduling it October 11,

we should be able to enjoy our day with fewer crowds and the maze should be in fairly good shape.

We'll have prizes for the fastest times through the two mazes (one for each) and also the slowest times. The day will end with some kind of food event at the home of Charlotte Fellers in Auburn. Look for updates on the website and in the September Sounder. Please RSVP to the website.

### Progressive Supper drive Sept. 13

Hosts: Ohlsens, Springers, Fellers

Contact: Allen Ohlsen: 360-400-0682 or Charlotte Fellers: 253-333-7442.

If you enjoy food and driving around in your Miata, you may want to sign up now for the South End Progressive Supper September 12. Hosted by Allen & Cheryl Ohlsen, Mike and Lily Springer, and Charlotte Fellers, this drive begins in the Yelm area, "progressing" to the Ohlsens home for appetizers and salads; we'll do a short drive and "progress" on to the Springers for the main course in Tacoma, and wind up at the Fellers home in Auburn for the dessert.

This drive is limited to just six cars due to the space limitations when serving a meal, so if you are interested please RSVP to the website. More details will be posted there!



# President's Message

By Mindy Bohnas  
PSMC President



Wow - Time flies when you're having fun and even when you're working hard. I hope everyone has more fun times than work times now that our Washington summer weather has finally arrived.

There are lots of great events this month! I recommend all of them if you have the time and aren't going away on vacation or trying the new "Staycation" this year. If you are doing the staycation, spend one of those days with your second family, the Puget Sound Miata Club! If this club isn't like a second family yet, I'd like to hear from you. I just don't think it's possible to drive a Miata and not be a nice, friendly type of person. You'll find that out by attending a tour or event.

On August 9<sup>th</sup> there is a joint event with the Canadian Sea to Sky Miata Club. This will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> year that our Bill Bell will lead a group up to meet the other club somewhere on Mt. Baker.

On Saturday August 16<sup>th</sup>, there's a fun tour planned on Whidbey Island by Frank Shriver, Carol Kus, and Larry & Bonnie Lohkamp. I know this will be a zoom zoom trip, and I can't wait to see Frank and Carol's place.

Of course, I hope to see each and every one of you at this year's Great Northwest Gathering on Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup>. It's our largest club event each year and always lots of fun. We are still finalizing vendors and activities but rest assured, there will be good food, GREAT cars, fun games, lots of old and new friends to talk to, and so much more. Please read the Gathering article to save some money on the entrance fee by RSVP'ing early.

On August 30<sup>th</sup> you can volunteer at the LeMay Car Museum Open House and get free admission or you can pay at the door to see some exceptional older automobiles of all makes and models. Our club is one of the charter members of the new Museum being built in Tacoma so this may be one of the last chances to see Harold LeMay's collection in a more homespun environment. Check out the LeMay website at [www.lemaymuseum.org](http://www.lemaymuseum.org) for more information on how to volunteer and check out our website for more information on a group caravan to view the cars.

Don't forget about the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Miata/Corvette tour to the South Bend Labor Day Parade on Sunday August 31<sup>st</sup>. (The parade is much older, but our club has had a joint tour to the parade with the Corvettes de Olympia club for the past 3 years) This year the Miatas are leading the way and the fun starts in Shelton with Bob and Sally Thomas. After the parade, Rosa and Randy Umemoto and Rosa's brother Tom, host a really yummy FISH FRY at Tom's place in Raymond.

As you can see August is jam packed with fun, but I'm going to mention the first event in September as well!

On September 6<sup>th</sup>, the Mukilteo Lighthouse Parade happens at about 10 AM. This is a short fun parade, well worth trying if you've never done one before.

After the Mukilteo parade, Gayle Lazur is hosting a September Social. These are informal events at a club member's house,

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## OFFICERS/DIRECTORS WEB COMMITTEE

### CHIEF OFFICERS

Operating _____	Mindy Bohnas
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### APPOINTED POSITIONS

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### WEB COMMITTEE

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## MEMBERSHIP

The club operates as a non-profit organization and relies primarily on volunteer services. However, sponsorship of events, the publication and mailing of the monthly newsletter and operating supplies constitute a financial burden that must be met by the membership. Make your Miata experience more enjoyable-join and participate. To keep the club meaningful and solvent, we need your support.

To join go online at [pugetsoundmiataclub.org](http://pugetsoundmiataclub.org) or send your name, address and check for \$30 (annual chapter dues) to:

**Puget Sound Miata Club**  
222 Wells Ave N  
Renton, WA 98055

# 2008 Calendar

For details about these events or to **RSVP**, check out the Calendar at [pugetsoundmiataclub.org](http://pugetsoundmiataclub.org)

## August 2008

- 9 Run to Mt. Baker, hosted by Bell and Sea-to-Sky Miata Club (Vancouver, BC)
- 16 Whidbey Island Run, hosted by Kus, Shriver & Lohkmap
- 23 PSMC Gathering @ Coop's, hosted by PSMC
- 30 LeMay Open House
- 31 South Bend Labor Day Parade and Run (see pg 64)



## For Sale

**FOR SALE:** Complete Set-up for CB Radio \$50 (obo). Includes Radio Shack hand held CB radio model 21-1679 with power cord, Radio Shack hand held clip-on speaker microphone model 21-1834, an extension speaker, and 27 1/2" magnetic mount mobile antenna. Everything works fine, I just don't use it anymore. Contact Julie Krohmer 480-292-1350.

## September 2008

- 6 Mukilteo Parade
- 13 Progressive Dinner, hosted by Fellers, Springer & Ohlsen
- 27 Leavenworth Autumn Leaf Parade
- 28 North Cascades Hwy Tour, hosted by Lohkamp

## October 2008

- 2-5 Backroads to Bavaria, hosted by Club Miata Northwest (see pg 7)
- 3 First Friday Formal, hosted by Lazur
- 4-5 Olypmic Peninsula Tour, hosted by Millar and McGranaghan (see pg 5)
- 11 Corn Maze Run, hosted by Fellers & Smith
- 31 Bremerton Safe Trick or Treat, hosted by Bohnas

## November 2008

- 8 Southend Planning Meeting, hosted by PSMC
- 23 Turkey Teaser, hosted by McGriff

## December 2008

- 6 PSMC Holiday Party, hosted by PSMC Board, Lake Ballinger Country Club in Mountlake Terrace.

Thanks to the following Miata dealers who provide PSMC member discounts (simply show your PSMC Card):

*Coop's Miata of Maple Valley (425) 432-9666*

*Doug's Lynnwood Mazda (425) 774-3551*

*Mazda of Everett (425) 353-3403*

*Russ Dunmire Mazda of Tacoma (253) 473-2440*

*University Mazda of Seattle (206) 634-1191*

*Whidbey Island Mazda of Oak Harbor (360) 675-2218*

**For Sale:** 1 set of Miata factory floor mats. Black with Miata stitched in white. Fits 2000-2005. Make Offer. [barudd@att.net](mailto:barudd@att.net).

## Remember

You can get your Sounder via email. It's simple! Email [Sounder@comcast.net](mailto:Sounder@comcast.net) and we'll take care of the rest!



## Great Northwest Gathering

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Directions to Coop's Miata: *From the north:* Take I-405 south to the Enumclaw/Renton Exit; go left at the second light, putting you on Maple Valley Highway (Hwy 169). About 9 miles out, turn right at the light onto SE 231<sup>st</sup> St and go up the hill to SE 210<sup>th</sup> St. (Don't turn right!). Turn left into Coop's Miata.

*From the south:* Take Hwy 18 to the Maple Valley Exit. Turn left up the hill on SE 231<sup>st</sup> Street. Turn left at SE 210<sup>th</sup> St into Coop's Miata.

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generally held during our "slower" months. Sometimes a mini tour is planned to the home but most often, folks meet for snacks or meals and good conversation with Miata enthusiasts. Check out the article about parades on page 2 or on the website for more information and directions.

Till next month-

Mindy Bohnas

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