

# Miata Sounder



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

## Register now for Detailin' Day!

**Hosts: PSMC Board**

**Contact: Bill Cooper**

**425-432-9666**

**Saturday, May 2**

Get your polishing cloths and buffers out and drive on down to Coop's Miata May 2 for the annual Detailin' Day! It's a great opportunity to get your car ready for the summer while communing with your PSMC pals at the same time. This year's event will mirror those of past years in many respects. You can rest assured that several things are positively going to happen at this event.

The economy has caught up with the club in at least one respect. For the first time in history, the club's board has made the difficult decision to charge \$10 per car for the annual Detailin' Day to help defray the costs to Coop's Miata and to cover the lunch cost. But it's still a bargain! Just read on and see what your \$10 will buy:

You will get to stop at a wash station, where you can wash your car using quality products supplied by Coop's Miata, an engine cleaning station with a pressure washer, an interior station equipped with a vacuum and possibly a steam cleaner and the finale: the wax and buff stations, manned by some of our veteran buffers who will make your Miata shine with that "new car" luster!

None of this happens by itself. While this is a Board-sponsored event, hosted by Bill Cooper at his property in Maple Valley, **Volunteer buffers are needed for the 6-8 buffing stations, and to help set up and run the event.** To volunteer, contact Coop at 425-432-9666 or PSMC President Mindy Bohnas at 360-895-0931.

All supplies will be provided by **Coop's Miata**. Car cleaners, soap, glaze and wax will be on hand for your use. All you need to provide are six or eight cotton cloths to polish your car and use for cleaning purposes. As is the custom, a hot lunch will be pro-

vided by your PSMC board of directors.

If you have recently joined the club and have never experienced this event, volunteers will help guide you through the process of detailing your car and introduce you to the rest of the crowd. Fitting in will not be difficult! If you have thought about upgrading or retrofitting your chariot with some new modifications, you will have an opportunity to check out what others have done and get some ideas of your own.

RSVP on the club's website at [www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org](http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org).

Here are the directions to **Coop's**: **From the North**: I-405 south; take the Enumclaw/Renton Exit; Left at the 2nd light on the Maple Valley Hwy 169; go about 9 miles; Right at the light onto SE 231st St; Up the hill to SE 210th St (Don't turn right); Go left into Coop's

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## New Members' Appreciation Drive set

Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 11AM  
Azteca Restaurant,  
3040 148<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.E., Redmond

Host: Allan Ohlsen  
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RSVP: [www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org](http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org)

By Allan Ohlsen

Have you recently joined the Puget Sound Miata Club? Have you been a member for the last two or three years, wondering what else your club has to offer? Perhaps, you're a long time member looking to meet new members, have fun and go for a terrific drive. If so, this top-down-day event is for you.

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## Upcoming Events

**April 4**

**PSMC Nominating Meeting**, home of Tom and Cindy Millar, Mill Creek, meets 12-3, and includes (of course) a pot-luck lunch and great time to reconnect with your board members. See article, page 5.

**April 18**

**Saturday Social**, home of Charlotte Fellers, Auburn, 5 p.m. to ?, offers you a chance to socialize and eat while saying farewell to the Tax Season! Details on Page 3.

**April 19**

**New Member Run**, starts at the Azteca Restaurant in Redmond, followed by a short orientation on the "how-to's" for Miata drivers, and a fun run to round out the afternoon. Details start on this page!

**May 2**

**Annual Detailin' Day**, gives you an opportunity to get your car spic 'n span for the summer driving season. This premiere event features food, suds, elbow grease, and a chance to reconnect with fellow club members! Details, this page!

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by Mike  
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## memories

# Were you around when. . .

(Editor's Note: Throughout 2009, the Sounder will publish tidbits of news from our archived newsletters. Look for this column in each issue of the Sounder in 2009).

### More from 1995:

--The first-ever PSMC Gymkhana was held July 8 and was a rousing success. (Note: Some of the same contests featured in this Gymkhana were reprised at last year's Northwest Gathering).

--The Great Northwest Gathering was held in September and cost \$10 per car; members brought their own picnic lunches.

--Did you know the city of Lakewood became a "city" on July 22, 1995? The PSMC celebrated this milestone by entering 18 Miatas in the Lakewood parade.

--The annual Pumpkin Run was one of the last drives scheduled for 1995. "Funny nose and glasses are great; costumes are optional; but clothing is always required!" A road quiz for prizes at the wrap party, featuring the Big Lake Bar and Grill, ended this day.

--The annual Holiday Party was at the General Petroleum Museum in Bellevue from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost was \$20 per person and featured a four-course lunch and two drinks. Everyone received a door prize.

### From 1996:

--The (apparently) first "Cheap and Cheezy Car Caravan," aka as the "C4 2 the Beach" occurred in March. It was planned by the Coopers and the Umemotos and drew 40 cars from the PSMC and the Mt. Hood Chapter.

--Frank Murphy gave up the editorship of the *Sounder* after six years and passed the torch to Susie Ivancich.

--The May Sounder featured the 15 most common Miata problems, topped by the ignition wire replacement and timing adjustment.

--In July, Bill Allen retired from the board of the PSMC after serving in several capacities on the board. His nickname, not surprisingly, was "Mr. Miata."

--The Miata went head to head with the BMW Z3 by reviewers at the Cincinnati Enquirer's car editors. Guess which one they thought was the best sports car?

--The Great Northwest Gathering was at the Silverdale Bay Resort Hotel and was limited to *only* 150 cars! The Gathering featured two tours with a naval theme: a tour of the Subase at Bangor or a tour of the Turner Joy, a retired destroyer that played a role in the Vietnam conflict.

--Randy Umemoto took on the leadership of the PSMC in the election of officers.

--A Columbia Gorge Waterfall tour was hosted by PSMC in conjunction with the Mt. Hood Chapter. It initiated near the Portland airport and was a six-hour run of the beautiful canyon along the Columbia River.

## upcoming events

# Spring Board and Nominating Meeting scheduled

**Hosts: Tom and Cindy Millar**

**Contact: 425-333-0306**

**Date: April 4, 12-3 p.m.**

**Location: 14621 32nd Street SE, Mill Creek, WA 98012**

*By Mindy Bohnas*

It's time once again to nominate members for open Board positions for the June 2009 to June 2010 year. There are several Board positions which need to be filled. Firstly, our constitution requires a new President each year. It really isn't as hard as I might make it seem, and I promise to stay involved as the Chief Executive Officer to help anyone willing to run for President this year. We also need to fill the Communications Officer position and will probably need a few more Directors at Large.

There are also some non Board Member "appointee" positions we would like volunteers for. We need a new Insurance Coordinator, and would like a new Co-Parade Coordinator for the non Kitsap Peninsula Parades. **Also, the Webmaster would like to step down to spend time with his new baby and we would also like to**

## Get rid of the "tax blues"

April 18, 5 p.m.

Host: Charlotte Fellers

Contact: editorcharlotte@gmail.com

**253-333-7442**

Do you have the "Income Tax Blues?" Why not celebrate the end of the tax season by attending one of the last winter events of the year, the Saturday Social at the home of Board Member Charlotte Fellers in Auburn, beginning at 5 p.m.

Bring a salad or dessert to share and a beverage of your choice. This event will not involve driving. This is just a social event where you get the chance to tell stories and heap your plate with a variety of great foods from the many good cooks in the club, which seems to be a hobby for many of the Miata owners! RSVP on the website or call Charlotte at 253-333-7442 for questions or to RSVP.

The party has no real agenda, so come prepared to eat and enjoy yourselves.

**Directions: From I-5 or I-405:** Take the Hwy 18 Exit toward Auburn and once on Hwy. 18, take the Black Diamond/Auburn Exit and turn left. Follow this road as it curves to the right and into Downtown Auburn. At the stop sign, keep going straight (this becomes R Street) and go 4 blocks to 4th Street NE. Turn right and look for 1800 4th St NE.

find a new website Forum Administrator. Please contact Mindy Bohnas directly for any interest in the appointed positions by the email below or by calling 360-895-0931, evenings.

If you have great ideas to help shape the future of the Puget Sound Miata Club or know someone who might, call or email a member of the Nominating Committee and they will tell you more about it or put you in touch with someone who can. Or, if you really think the club is heading in the wrong direction and want to be the instrument of change, nominate yourself so you can voice your opinions and have the Board vote on them. You can read what is required of our Board Members and Directors at Large on the "About" section of the website under the Bylaws link.

The Nominating Committee members are: Cindy Millar at [dir7@pugetsoundmiataclub.org](mailto:dir7@pugetsoundmiataclub.org), Pam McGriff at [dir6@pugetsoundmiataclub.org](mailto:dir6@pugetsoundmiataclub.org) and Mindy Bohnas at [president@pugetsoundmiataclub.org](mailto:president@pugetsoundmiataclub.org).

These committee members will contact any and all names that are nominated to see if that member is willing to run for an office. Please nominate anyone you think would help our club be the best it can be. The Nominating Meeting will be followed by a Board Meeting immediately afterwards and all members are invited to attend.

We are having a "structured" Pot Luck so please sign up early if you have a favorite item from the list.

Contact Tom & Cindy by email to find out if your choice is available. The website will update the list as often as necessary to try to keep anyone from being disappointed. **The suggested amount of each item to bring is enough for 12 to 24 people.**

- small rolls or sliced bread (for small sandwiches)
- sliced cheese (2 or 3 kinds, for sandwiches)
- sliced meat (2 or 3 kinds, for sandwiches)
- sliced tomato, lettuce & pickles (for sandwiches)
- mayo, mustard, & ketchup (for sandwiches)
- tossed green salad
- 2 kinds of salad dressing for green salad
- fruit salad or fruit tray
- potato or pasta salad
- cookies (2 dozen)
- cake (1)
- chips (2 or 3 bags, any kind)

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## Nominations open

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The Millars will provide the plates, napkins, eating utensils and coffee. Please bring a beverage of your choice.

**Directions:** From I-5, take exit 186 (128th St. SW) eastbound towards Mill Creek. Proceed for 2.4 miles until you come to 35th Ave SE; turn right until you come to 148th St. SE (about 1 mile) and make another right; go about 1 mile making another right onto 32nd Drive SE. Millar's home is on the right side at 14621 32nd Drive SE. For more information, or should you get lost, you can call the Millars at 425.337.0306.

## New members' drive slated

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Some of the goals of the PSMC are to see you get the most enjoyment from your Miata through club events and activities with like-minded people like yourself. Come join us at the Redmond Azteca for a social time lunch, followed by a great drive on some scenic and fun twisty roads. Some of your PSMC Board Members will be on hand, looking forward to meeting you. Also on hand to explain, "How we do it" and answer questions, will be club "experts" at autocross, parades, putting on events, Miata maintenance and the day-to-day operation of the club.

"Freebies" will be handed out, and some door prizes are in the works! This event is designed for the new member, but all are encouraged to join in. Come check it out. Meet some terrific people that enjoy the Miata experience as much as you do.

The plan is to start at 11 a.m. with lunch, social time and presentations. Lunch prices are quite reasonable. At around 12:30 we will gather in the parking lot for a "driver's meeting" before heading off for an approximately one hour drive of fun roads, ending in a special destination to be announced during the driver's meeting. This event should last no later than 3 p.m. Please RSVP so we (and the restaurant) can plan for you.

**Driving Directions:** The Redmond Azteca is located just off Hwy. 520, east of I-405. Take Hwy. 520 east from I-405, take the "148th Ave. NE" exit, go left (north) over the freeway, Azteca is on the right.

## Acclaimed scientist to lead design team

*by Mike Easter,*

*International Automotive News Service*

Mazda Motor Corporation announced today that they have bought the tooling and marketing rights to the famous Studebaker V-8 engine, and it will appear in their future cars, starting with the 2014 MX-5 (known as the Miata to U.S. enthusiasts.) Mazda has hired the Nobel Prize-winning engineer and physicist, Dr. Loof Lirpa, of Stavanger, Norway, to lead the design team which will modify the classic engine for use in Mazda vehicles.

The Studebaker V-8 was first offered in 1951, and was viewed as a strengthened design very similar to the high-compression Cadillac V-8 introduced two years earlier. Over the years it was offered in 259 and 289 cubic inch versions and produced more than 300 horsepower with factory installed Paxton-McCulloch superchargers. Studebaker powered cars such as the Golden Hawk and Avanti set many speed records at Bonneville, some over 200 mph. The engine went out of production in 1966 when Studebaker exited the auto business. Mazda bought the tooling and licenses from Studebaker-Worthington-Peet Corporation of Findlay, Ohio, successor to the defunct Studebaker Motorcar Company.

In an interview, Dr. Loof Lirpa indicated the engine transition team will convert the design to metric specifications, then cast the block and heads of high-silicon aluminum to reduce weight. The Studebaker V-8 was known for its compact dimensions, smaller than even the classic Chevrolet "small block," so it will easily fit into today's smaller sports cars and dramatically increase performance over the four-cylinder engines now used. Dr. Loof Lirpa also plans to install heads and manifolding of his own design. He won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1988 for research that explained the chaos theory of turbulence in combustion chambers with extreme compression ratios. Power outputs of 160 horsepower per liter are expected with normal aspiration, more with turbocharging in the future. When presented with the observation that the pushrod Studebaker V-8 would easily qualify Mazda vehicles for NASCAR competition, Dr. Loof Lirpa replied that Mazda does not speculate on future racing strategies.

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**Eat 'n Greet**  
**May 12**

Join some fun-loving PSMC members for an evening of food and drink at the Longhorn Barbecue Restaurant in Auburn, 635 C. St. SW. This social function starts at 6 p.m.

## upcoming events

# Oregon parade opens a season of parades

**April 24 and 25, 2009**

**Host: Bill Bell**

**Contact: [arbill@hotmail.com](mailto:arbill@hotmail.com)**

The Puget Sound Miata Club is teaming with the Mt. Hood Miata Club to participate in the 30th Annual Northwest Cherry Festival and Parade April 24-25.

This is just the first in a number of parades on the docket for the summer. See the back page calendar for additional information.

Bill Bell, a PSMC board member, plans to lead a drive to Portland Friday afternoon, April 24 with an overnight stay

scheduled in Portland. Hotel plans have not been announced.

The PSMC contingent will meet up with the Mt. Hood Miata Club in Troutdale or Gresham, Oregon around 7:30 a.m., Saturday, for the run up the Gorge to The Dalles. After driving in the parade, we'll cross the Columbia Run for a run into the hills overlooking the Gorge and eat at a restaurant to be announced afterwards. The parade starts at 11am.

This drive should provide a great opportunity to drive through the beautiful Columbia River Gorge and make some friends with members of one of our sister clubs. Look for more details on the PSMC website, where you can register for this event. You also can contact Bill Bell at [arbill@hotmail.com](mailto:arbill@hotmail.com) for more details.

# Trip to coast gets mostly sunny weather

*by Allan Ohlsen*

What a great trip! Fun roads, sunny (mostly) weather, interesting stops, rustic accommodations, and great food with great friends, equals the perfect recipe for another, wonderful PSMC tour. Our sold-out group of eight Miatas and one RX-8 was led by Keith & Gayle Newsom. The roads were a treat to drive, many of them this author has never been on. Judging by some of the roads we took and the places we stopped at, it was clear Keith and Gail put a lot of effort in planning the tour.

We started at Cebu's restaurant, where the owner was anticipating us. If you ever get a chance, stop by Cebu's, the Philippine cuisine is wonderful, inexpensive and only about a mile from I-5, exit 114 (top of the hill next to the Texaco). After a driver's meeting and a snack goodie bag from Gayle, we took off on back roads skirting the south side of Lacey and Rainier, then under I-5 to more back roads that lead to Hwy 6 and finally South Bend to the Russell House B&B.

The Russell House is very much worth checking out. The Victorian home, filled with antiques is fully remodeled, yet retains all of its charm. The beds are comfortable and the



*A photo of the Clockwise to the Coast has one person missing - Allan Ohlsen, who took the photo.*



*One of the fun stops on the Clockwise to the Coast was a visit to the Elton Bennett museum & gallery.*

*Photo by Allan Ohlsen*

views of South Bend are outstanding. For dinner, Keith recommended the River View restaurant, another little hole-in-the-wall place of great food, especially if you love oysters. Their specialty is BBQ oysters, but the pan-fried were equally good. After dinner, we retired to the Russell parlor and enjoyed wine and chocolates.

Saturday began with a Scottish style breakfast, served up by Beverley and Desiree, our hosts. We dined on fruit cups with cream and oatmeal, eggs and potatoes and tiny pancakes, yum! We took up the coast roads towards Aberdeen, cruising the cranberry bogs along the way. We toured the industrial area in route to the U.S. Post office in Hoquiam to see the Elton Bennett museum/gallery of his silkscreen paintings. Elton's daughter graciously opened the gallery just for us. Bennett's paintings are a joy to see. You can view them at [www.eltonbennett.com](http://www.eltonbennett.com). After an hour visit we headed towards home, but not until we took more fun back roads twisting into Montesano and finally, back to the freeway.

# ‘Moveable Feast’ does not disappoint!

Reported by your editor with color commentary from the rearview mirror of Dee Dahlke & Duncan Johnson, event hosts

**“If you are lucky enough to have lived in Paris as a young man, then wherever you go for the rest of your life, it stays with you, for Paris is a moveable feast.”**

**(Ernest Hemingway, 1950.)**

This all-day driving and eating event took place Saturday, March 14, and the weather gods did not favor us, soaking us with cold rain that alone would have qualified us for the “Second Sloppy Saturday” title. As it was, we rank the Moveable Feast as the first endurance event of the 2009 season, covering 145 miles of back roads (all to dodge the toll on the Narrows Bridge we’ve got our motoring priorities straight) from Tacoma to Gig Harbor to Grapeview to Shelton to Olympia to Puyallup to Federal Way, and munching our way through an elaborate and gracious six-course dinner, all over the course of about 12 hours.

The usual “southend” suspects were in attendance and/or hosting: Mindy Bohnas, Dee Dahlke & Duncan Johnson, Charlotte & Vera Fellers. Lindanne & Tom Gores, Patty & Chris Johnson, Peggie & Leif Loe, Marti & Bob Mott, Gayle & Keith Newsom, Lilly & Mike Springer, and potential new member Gary Olson. In addition, visitors Tom & Marilyn Holcomb dropped in at the Olympia pasta course.

The event hosts (Dee and Duncan) changed a couple of things to liven up the run, and their creative thinking came right out of their rally experience. They test ran the whole course 4 times and Dee handed out a little booklet with maps and very detailed route instructions (with mileages to the turns) for every car. Every navigator was instructed to keep track of where they were going and where they had to turn next, and we thus avoided an hysterical game of follow-the-leader with backmarkers trying to catch up and the pace car having to stop and regroup all the time, especially when we were in the urban areas. The other thing was Dee (in the lead Miata) put the slow drivers in the front of the pack and the fast drivers in the rear, so the people who had to catch up could do so easily while everyone else motored at their comfort level.

They also allowed as how the biggest challenge in laying out the route was to get from dinner in Puyallup to dessert in Federal Way without driving through the endless sprawl of strip malls on the main arterial streets there. We also learned the route originally made a lap around Mason Lake (way out in the county of the same name) on motorcycle roads found by Marti & Bob Mott, but our PSMC event got re-routed because of a giant bicycle race there on our tour day. Google Maps also sent our hosts down an excellent winding road near Shelton, but when they got there they discovered it was ten miles of dirt. Such are the thrills of event hosting.

If this all sounds like too much fun, it probably was something you should have attended. Appetizers at the Springers (Mike & Lilly) in Tacoma kicked off the 11 a.m. start time and featured an array of fresh fruit and veggies, shrimp cocktail, hummus and dips plus pot stickers. And that was just the first course! A short drive to Gig Harbor ended at the home of Tommy and Lindanne Gores for four kinds of soup—carrot,

cold advocado, spicy tomato, and clam chowder (all homemade by the Gores). These were paired with four kinds of specialty breads—hard to resist trying all four!

Good thing there was a lot of appetizers and soup as it was another hour until we could eat again—this time in Shelton at Kneeland Park, for the shivery salad course of a Caesar salad, hosted by Bob and Marty Mott. Fortunately, there were tables under cover from the “driving” rain. Everyone welcomed the cozy home of Keith and Gayle Newsom in Olympia for the pasta course, who set the tables to show off the unusual collection of PSMC memorabilia they have collected over the past 20 years. The Newsoms served a hearty homemade lasagna that barely held the “feast-goers” over until we arrived in Puyallup for the main course of pot roast at the home of Duncan Johnson and Dee Dahlke.

This stop was highlighted by an unexpected tour of the garage, which featured a number of classic, restored cars that each came with a story. (See sidebar).

Finally, dessert wrapped up the day at the home of Chris and Patty Johnson, where ice cream was served atop a decadent chocolate cake and apple pie, and for those non-ice cream

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*Peg and Leif Loe., Chris and Patty Johnson, & Lindanne Gores shiver their way through the salad course of the Moveable Feast at the tailgate portion of the feast.*

*(Photo by Mindy Bohnas)*

# Moveable Feast

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eaters, a luscious lemon meringue pie. Additionally, a variety of other unusual desserts were available for the truly hardy.

All in all, it was a great day full of food, fun, and enjoyable conversation. Everybody served too much food (as expected) and it was all extremely nicely done and presented. Doubly notable, everybody had an interesting house with all manner of interesting decor, remodeling, artifacts and stylized clutter. We now suspect that anyone who volunteers to host a course at such an event is inherently a “producer” and they enjoy having people to their house under any pretense.

Though this great event probably won’t happen again for at least a year (in the south end of the Sound), it was a great time and sure to be repeated in ‘10!



*Duncan Johnson and Leif Loe enjoy another bowl of soup at the Moveable Feast. This course was hosted by Tom and Lindanne Gores in Gig Harbor.*

*(Photo by Mindy Bohnas)*



*Jacqui and Robert Schouten enjoy free time in the parlour of the bed and breakfast in during the Clock-wise to the Coast tour. (See story on page 5.*

*(Photo by Allan Ohlsen)*

## Studebaker engine in Miatas

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Dr. Loof Lirpa comes from Norway’s most distinguished family of scientists. His grandfather, Loof Lirpa the elder, was the first to document the electrical characteristics of reindeer antlers after observing their behavior under the Aurora Borealis (“Northern Lights.”) Loof Lirpa the elder developed a practical car radio in 1918 using an antler for an antenna, but its development stalled in the economic collapse which followed World War I.

(Try spelling Loof Lirpa backward).



*Keith and Gayle Newsom, longtime members of the PSMC, hosted a leg of the Moveable Feast. They posed for a quick photo in front of their Olympia vintage home.*

*(Photo by Mindy Bohnas)*

# 'Slush Season' still nets some Miata winners

by Denise Williamson

Although the local autocross championship series have yet to begin, this did not deter some hale and hearty PSMC autocrossers from getting out there and driving fast. February 8 (when many people still have snow tires on), 166 entrants drove to Bremerton for WWSCC Slush #1 aka "Dawg Sled" and three runs (limited daylight this time of year, remember?). *TJ McGeary* placed second in Improved B in his '91 Miata (and three clean runs). In Stock D, *Dieter Beldi* placed first in his '07 MazdaSpeed 3. Having fun in Time Only (AM) were *Glen Hernandez* ('08 Subaru Impreza), and *Tom Slipp* ('91 Miata). *Glen* ('01 Miata) and *Tom* ('91 Miata) also ran in Time Only (PM), as did *Marshall* and *Russ Hill* ('91 Miata).

Slush #2 aka "Yes, We Cone!" was held on February 22 in Bremerton, with 110 entrants. *Michael Colangelo* placed second in Improved B in his '99 Miata, and *Dieter Beldi* placed first in Stock D in his '07 MazdaSpeed 3. In PRO1, *Enrique Garcia* placed 12th in his '95 CSP Miata, and *Alan Dahl* placed 13th in his '07 AS Pontiac Solstice. *Russ* and *Marshall Hill* placed third and fifth respectively in Street Tire 3, in *Russ's* '91 STS2 Miata. Having fun in Time Only PM were *Dieter* ('07 MazdaSpeed3), *Enrique* ('95 Miata), and *TJ McGeary* ('91 Miata). Kudos for the event go to *Dieter Beldi*, who had the fourth fastest unindexed time of the day.

Slush #3 aka "Adjust Clocks Early" lived up to it's name, with snow spread across Western Washington. However, this did not deter 81 entrants from driving to

Bremerton for five runs. *TJ McGeary* placed first in Improved B in his '91 Miata, and *Alan Dahl* placed fourth in PRO1 in his '07 AS Pontiac Solstice. *Dieter Beldi* ran in Time Only AM and PM in his '07 MazdaSpeed3. Also running in Time Only PM were *TJ* ('91 Miata), *Russ* and *Marshall Hill* ('91 Miata), *Tom Slipp* ('91 Miata), and *Alan Dahl* ('88 Peugeot 505 Turbo). Yes, you read that last car correctly. Big kudos for this event go to *Alan Dahl*, who had the fastest unindexed time of the day.

The autocross season is shaping up to be a busy one! Check out [www.wwsc.org](http://www.wwsc.org) for the latest calendar. There are still some events to be added, so stay tuned!

## Historics Races July 4 weekend

**Host: Mike Springer**

**Contact: 253-468-5291**

**(weekends & evenings)**

This year, the Society of Vintage Racing Enthusiasts (SOVREN) celebrates it's 22nd Anniversary with racing July 3-5. Vintage cars race in eight classes ranging from small bore formula V's to an exhibition class which has included cars like the 1971 Tyrell 004, winner of the world championship that year. Also on hand will be rare beauties like a Ferrari 512M. The featured car will be the Chevrolet, celebrating it's 100th Anniversary.

The Historics Race is considered the premier vintage car race in the Northwest. This year's race proceeds will benefit Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center.

Anyone wanting to attend this year's event, which is July 3-5 at Auburn Raceway Park, should purchase tickets in advance, if possible. Ticket prices are \$25 per day or \$40 for a three-day pass for a car and driver with a Car Corral pass. Passenger tickets are also \$25 per day or \$40 for a three-day pass. For single day tickets, please specify which day.

There will be limited space in the Car Corral (premier parking), so ticket orders with checks must be received by June 1st

To order tickets send a check for the total amount to Mike Springer, 2214 South Melrose Street, Tacoma 98405 and include a self-addressed envelope with return postage and a contact phone number. Make your check payable to Mike Springer, since I need to send the organizers a single check for the total.

The Car Corral pass allows for reserved parking close to the pit entrance and parade laps of the track on Saturday and Sunday. Look for more information in the May Sounder and on the PSMC website.

## April Autocross

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

- 4 NWR/SCCA Solo Novice School/Bremmerton RcwY
- 5 NWR/SCCA Event #1 Bremmerton Raceway
- 14 NWR/SCCA Solo Comm. Meeting  
Goldie's Airport Way (SCCA)
- 18-19 SSSCC Events #1 & #2 Tri-Cities Raceway
- 19 BSCC Event #2 Bremmerton Raceway
- 20 WWSCC Council Meeting  
Goldie's Airport Way (WWSCC)
- 25-26 SCCA Wendover ProSolo Wendover Airport



# President's Message

By Mindy Bohnas  
PSMC President



Well, I guess Spring has Sprung and none too soon. I'm writing this message mid March and the snows are still coming. I don't drive my Miata in inclement weather because I'm lucky enough to have another 4-wheel drive vehicle for those (supposedly) rare times of snow or flooding.

I attended the Progressive Moveable Feast on March 10<sup>th</sup> and it was a full day of driving, companionship, and eating! The roads were great, if a little wet; each stop had different people sitting and talking together and the food was all fabulous. I must say that the hosts planned the date well to miss the snow on Sunday, which was a surprise to all of us who didn't see the news Saturday night. I highly recommend attending the next progressive dinner, but there will probably not be another one for about a year.

The first Saturday in April is the Nominating Meeting & Board Meeting. We really need some fresh faces with new ideas, so consider running for a spot on the Board this year. There are some special positions that also need to be filled. You can find more information in the article on page 3 or on the website.

Charlotte Fellers is hosting an End of the Tax Season Social on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm in Auburn. I've never been disappointed with anything Charlotte cooks and there will be lots of time to talk about Miatas and meet some new people!

The New Members Appreciation Day is the next day at 11:00 in Redmond at the Azteca Restaurant. It's mostly geared for new members but if you are a seasoned member that hasn't attended too many events, please come! We'll have a workshop on how to host an event and then have a mini driving tour after lunch.

The MG Car Club's 28<sup>th</sup> La Connor Tulip Rallye is on April 26<sup>th</sup>. If at least 3 PSMC members enter they will give a 1<sup>st</sup> place PSMC club award. It's a gimmick rallye so you don't actually need a co-pilot and they are asking for canned food donations to Northwest Harvest from entrants. Check out their website for more info at: <http://www.mgccnwc.com/tulip.htm>.

May 2<sup>nd</sup> is our annual Detailing Day at Coop's Miata! There is one change this year – the club will charge \$10.00 per car to cover the cost of lunch with all extra going to Coop to help pay for the cleaning, buffing and waxing solutions he provides. With the loss of Miatacross last year, the club just doesn't have any reserve funds to cover the cost of lunch. It's still a GREAT deal for the price. I would also like to mention that Coop really needs more volunteers with their own buffers to help fill the buffing stations. **Volunteer Buffers will not have to pay the \$10.00 entry fee for lunch.** Contact Bill Cooper at 425-432-9666 if you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions. This event is only open to members in good standing but we will accept new Membership Applications with the \$30.00 yearly dues paid on the day of the event!

I hope to see you soon at an upcoming event!

Life's Short, Drive a Miata



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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

# 2009 Calendar

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

## April 2009

- 4 PSMC Nominating Meeting, home of Tom/Cindy Millar, pot luck, come one and all, 12-3 p.m.
- 18 Saturday Social, hosted by Fellers, 5 p.m. see p. 3
- 19 New Members Appreciation Day/Event Workshop, hosted by PSMC Board, see page 3.
- 26 MG Car Club's 28th La Connor Tulip Rallye

## May 2009

- 2 PSMC Detailin' Day
- 9 Sequim Irrigation Festival Parade, noon
- 12 'Eat & Greet,' hosted by Bill Bell, Longhorn BBQ, Auburn, 6 p.m.
- 16 Poulsbo Viking Fest Parade, 11:30 a.m.
- 30 Shelton Parade, Social following at home of Tom & Lindanne Gores in Gig Harbor.

## June 2009

- 6 Board Elections and Board Meeting, TBA
- 13 Second Sloppy Saturday, hosted by Sean/Pam McGriff
- 23 Second 'Eat & Greet,' hosted by Bill Bell, place TBD
- 27 Fathoms of Fun Parade, Pt. Orchard, 4 p.m.
- 28 2009 Miatacross, Shelton, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

## July 2009

- 3-5 Historics Races, 8-5 daily, Pacific Raceways, Auburn
- 4 Kingston Parade, noon, followed by lunch
- 11 Tour of Mt. Ranier Scenic Railroad, hosted by Bill Bell (**needs a co-host**)
- 17-19 Caravan to Willamette Valley Explore Oregon Event, to Sisters, OR hosted by Dahlke & Johnson.
- 18 Whidbey Island Tour, hosted by Frank Shriver & Carol Kus and Tom & Cindy Millar.
- 19 Chinatown Parade, 5 p.m. (tentative) (**Needs a host**)
- 21 'Eat & Greet', hosted by Bill Bell, place TBD
- 25 Silverdale Whaling Days Parade, 8:30 a.m., lunch

**Would you like to get more involved in this great car club? Nominations are open for new board members! See page 3 for details!**

## August 2009

- 8 Annual PSMC Northwest Gathering
- 15 Mt. Baker Tour with Sea To Sky Club
- 23 Wine Tasting Drive & Eat, Gig Harbor
- 25 Fourth 'meet & greet', hosted by Bill Bell, XXX Root Beer Drive-In, Issaquah.
- 29 LeMay Museum Open House, 9-5, hosted by Mike Springer

## September 2009

- 6 Road run to South Bend; South Bend Parade, hosted by Duncan Johnson and Dee Dalkhe.
- 18-20 '50's Beach Party @ Long Beach, hosted by Mike/Lilly Springer & Allen/Cheryl Ohlsen.
- 25 Leavenworth AutumnFest Parade

## October 2009

- 3-4 Olympic Peninsula Tour, hosted by Tom/Cindy Millar
- 31 Halloween Party, hosted by Mike/Lilly Springer, Tacoma
- 31 Bremerton Safe Trick-or-Treat, 5-8 p.m. with drive to Springers at 8 p.m. hosted by Bohnas.

## November 2009

- 7 Fall PSMC Board Meeting, Mitzel's in Fife, 11 a.m. lunch, meeting to follow
- 22 Turkey Teaser, hosted by Sean/Pam McGriff

## December 2009

- 5 Annual PSMC Holiday Party, details TBA
- 27 Post Holiday Open House, Tom/Lindanne Gores, Gig Harbor, details TBA

**Thanks to the following Miata dealers and businesses 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*

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*Louie Orrino at South Tacoma Mazda (253)*

*722-2888/Cost plus 20%*

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

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

*Miata Top Bob's, (206) 782-8081*