

Miata Sounder



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

Board member positions open

Upcoming Events

March 5

First Friday Formal, Kabuki Japanese Restaurant, 2919 So 38th St, Tacoma, 8 p.m.

March 13, 2010

Saturday Social, 1800 4th St NE, Auburn. Relax and enjoy good food & company.

March 27, 2010

PSMC Board Nominating Meeting, 11:30 for burgers and dogs, meeting to follow, at the Millars in Mill Creek.

When: March 27, 11:30 lunch

**Where: The Millars,
14621 32nd Street SE
Mill Creek, WA 9801
425-337-0306**

Each year, the PSMC elects a slate of board members who guide the direction of the club. Often, this is such a fun job that people hold on to board positions for several years, and sometimes they even become officers. The club's president may only serve one year (not two consecutive years) according to the by-laws. This ensures that the club always has fresh ideas and new faces getting involved.

Well, it's that time again. While it may seem to you like this article was just in the Sounder last week, it's actually been a whole year. Our leader, Tom Millar, will relinquish the Presidential reins in June, and since he can't do this job for a second year, the position is up for grabs. Other jobs also are up for grabs. They must be filled if the club is to survive and thrive.

This begs the question: have you served on the board yet? If you have not, then maybe

it's time to step up. Over the past 20 years, you have seen lots of names of our membership who have served on the board, served as President, and served a number of years in anchor positions that help us keep the club healthy. So if you have served, you know what's involved, but if you haven't maybe it's your turn.

What's involved in serving on the board? Here's a quick rundown of some key positions:

The president of the club leads the board meetings, sets the agenda, and keeps board members informed of business that occurs in-between meetings. Also, the president needs to be able to attend events and support members who plan events and provide leadership at club events.

Board members are responsible for attending board meetings and making decisions about club expenditures. The board also sets the schedule of drives for the year, making sure that drives are not in conflict with one another. Also, the board members host two or three events a year. The board puts on the annual Detailin' Day, and the board plans the annual Northwest Gathering. Though not required in the bylaws, the board often hosts an annual celebration, such as the 20th anniversary party in January.



Tom Millar, left, and Bill Cooper, right, read the certificate presented to past presidents at the 20th Anniversary Party. Randy Umemoto, a past president of the club, is also pictured. More photos, pages 5, 6, & 7.

Photo by Tom Smith

The communication coordinator is responsible for putting together packets for new members who join the club and mailing it out in a timely manner. This position is currently open and being handled by the Millars.

The data coordinator position is the one who handles updating and keeping the database of the membership current. Additionally, the data coordinator generates membership cards when membership is renewed and

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upcoming

FFF visits Japanese eatery

When: March 5, 2010

When: 8:00 p.m.

Where: Kabuki Japanese Restaurant,
2919 S. 38th St., Tacoma

Hosts: Mike and Lillie Springer

Contact: springerphoto@comcast.net

During the winter, it's a stretch to find ways to commune with your PSMC friends, so that's when the word went out to "get creative" and dream up new events. That's how the First Friday Formal got started. There's something about the alliteration in the name but it's also an opportunity to take out those nice suits and ties or those fancy clothes you wore last New Year's Eve and go out to dinner.

This year has two FFF events on the calendar. The March event will take place in Tacoma. See another article about the upcoming April event, which is designed as a tribute to a longtime member of the club.

Mike and Lillie Springer have made arrangements to revisit the Kabuki Japanese Restaurant in Tacoma. This excellent Japanese restaurant has received great reviews in the past and features a sushi bar along with the regular Japanese fare. We have visited here before and had such a good time, the Springers decided it was time for a repeat visit. The restaurant has a choice for our group of regular tables, which have complete handicapped access or traditional Tatami room seating. If you will need a regular table please email Mike Springer (springerphoto@comcast.net) directly after you make your reservations and the group will be seated with you.

The festivities for this fun event kick off at 8 p.m. in hopes that those who have to commute on the I-5 Corridor will have time to arrive for the event. Be sure to make reservations because seating is limited for the First Friday Formals.

Directions to the restaurant: from either direction on Interstate 5 take the exit at 38th Street in Tacoma (just south of the City Center exits) proceed west (toward the Tacoma Mall) on 38th Street. Go through the first stop light (Steel Street) and the second stop light (Pine Street) after the second stoplight turn right in the "Michaels Shopping Center" the restaurant is located at the back of the center in the same building as the *Guitar Center* and *Michael's*.

Garage Queen for Sale:

2001 BRG MX-5 LS, 78K, tan top & interior, 6-sp. Manual; ABS.

This car has been meticulously maintained and the records have

been notebookd. Synthetic oil has been changed every 3K. Owner used authorized dealers for all of the service and repairs. This car is available at Coop's Miata for \$9500 today. Call Coop at 425-432-9666 or 206-914-0399 to arrange for a test drive.



upcoming

April FFF includes ALS fundraiser

When: April 2, 2010, 7 p.m.

Where: Il Fornaio Italian Restaurant, Seattle

Hosts: Allan & Cheryl Ohlsen and Gayle Lazur

RSVP: www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org

By Allan Ohlsen

Don't put that formal gown and tux away yet, because here we go again with another FFF. April's formal event will be at Il Fornaio in downtown Seattle, located on the corner of 6th and Pine.

We picked this place for a special reason: it was one of George & Gayle Lazur's favorite restaurants. Il Fornaio is noted for fine dining and has received positive reviews by many people, including Gayle and George.

For those of you who are new members or may not have met George, you may want or need some background informa-

tion. Some of you may recall George, a long time board member, succumbed to ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) in 2006. In memory of George, we will have an opportunity to donate to the ALS Association, Evergreen Chapter.

Money collected will be given in PSMC's name. This will be a special evening as we remember George and learn more about ALS, all while having a great meal with great friends. We have reservations for 20 people; so get your RSVP in today. Then, come and join us as we lift a glass in memory of George. If you wish to make a tax-deductible donation to ALS, please make your check out "ALS Association, Evergreen Chapter" and we'll be sure they get it. See you there.

Driving Directions: Il Fornaio is located on the ground floor, SW corner of the Pacific Place building, which has a parking garage you can enter on either 6th or 7th Avenue.

From North: Exit I-5 at Denny St., go straight on Stewart St., turn left at 7th, after crossing Olive St. look for garage entrance on right.

From South: Exit I-5 at Seneca St., right on 6th, pass Pine St. and look for garage entrance on right.

Like tacos?

When: March 13, 2010, 5 p.m.

Where: 1800 4th St NE, Auburn

Contact: 253-333-7442

editorcharlotte@gmail.com

Just before the weather will be warm enough to put the tops down is a great time to get together for one last tribute to winter weather. In another month, spring will be lurking around the corner, so take one more opportunity to drop by Charlotte's house for an evening of food indulgence. The Saturday Social came about when some members felt there were not enough opportunities to socialize during the winter months. The Saturday Social was born.

The March social will feature mostly food and drink and talk. This is going to be a minimal planning event that will be participant-driven. Whatever you would like to do, bring it on! If you want to play card games or Guesstures, we can do that! If a movie is in your sights, bring it with you. Just want to hang around and chat? That's fine too. In the PSMC tradition, "as long as there's food, who cares?"

The food selection will be anchored by a taco bar. Bring along a beverage of your choice and contact the hostess if you wish to contribute to the taco dinner.

Directions: From I-5 North or South: To Hwy 18 East toward Auburn. Take the Black Diamond/Auburn Exit. At the bottom of the exit, turn left and follow this road into Auburn. You will cross railroad tracks and the road will wind around to the right, eventually coming to a stop sign at Main St. Go straight through the stop sign and proceed to 4th St. NE. Turn right on 4th St. and watch for the gray house on the right (about 7 houses down). The house number is 1800. Park in the drive or on the street.



George Lazur was happiest in his Miata hanging with his club freinds. He died in 2006 but his legacy as a board member lives on in the hearts of many longtime member.

--Photo courtesy of Gayle Lazur



For Sale: 1990 Red Miata, good condition. Has a dent in the right front panel. Stored under cover most of the time. New shocks last year; new soft top and tires. \$3000. Contact Nathan at 1-877-753-9123 or on the web at www.swan

towninn.com.

Nominations open for new volunteers

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takes care of mailing these documents to members. Finally, the data coordinator sends out the Sounder each month, either online or in the mail. Sean McGriff has done this job the past three years and is ready to pass the reins to someone else.

The position of insurance coordinator makes sure that waiver forms are available at each PSMC event. This is a position that has been open the past year. While it does not require that much time, it is critical to the club's ability to obtain insurance for our club events.

Currently, the club is also without a parade coordinator, whose job it is to work with various parade chairs in the area. Many people rely on the PSMC's members to provide vehicles to carry local royalty and dignitaries in parades during the summer. Without a coordinator, this service will not happen. It's just another way the club provides service to the community and gets our name in the public.

Editor of the Sounder is an ambitious job that requires someone with good English skills and a knack for picking up software use quickly. The PSMC Sounder is created using Pagemaker and Photoshop software. Training is provided by the present editor to the new editor. This job requires 20-30 hours per month and is going to be open this year at some point.

We all know how easy it is to just let someone else do it. This has resulted in a few taking care of the work for many and **not having the benefit of new talent**. But as you can see, there are several positions open in key areas that will put the club's future at risk unless someone steps up.

The board will meet March 27 for hot dogs and hamburgers at 11:30 a.m. at the home of Tom and Cindy Millar, followed by a board meeting to nominate new officers. If you want to eat lunch, please bring a side dish to share. If not, just attend the meeting and bring your new energy and ideas.

Directions: From I-5, take exit 186 (128th St. SW) east bound 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 one big block making another right onto 32nd Drive SE. Millar's home is on the right side at 14621 32nd Drive SE. Should you get lost, you can call the Millar's at 425.337.0306.

Familiar Faces

Hope to see you at an event soon!

Maury Fugitt/Sandy McKnight, So. Colby	'96 Red
Mark and Deanna Morel, Lake Stevens	'91 White
Cec/Steve Sparling, Sultan	'04 Silver
Dave/Jeanne Field, Bellevue	'99 Sapphire
Bill Read, Clinton	'93 Black LE
Larry/Carol Pauls, Edmonds	'99 Red
Chris Stollery, Seattle	'94 Black
Steve/Janice Vollmer, Kent	'00 White
Kim Shellabarger, Tacoma	'99 Black
Jay/Dawn Mercer, Lakewood	'94 Red
Dennis/Nellie Butterfield, Bothell	'90 White
Dave/Vickie Nelson, Redmond	'92 Mariner Blue
David Day, Deer Park	'91 White
Dana Jorgensen, Mercer Island	'01 Midnight Blue
Tom/Cindy Millar, Mill Creek	'01 BRG
Sam/Dianne Miller, Kent,	'96 Black
Jim Bucklin, Cathlemet	'92 Red
Shelly/Betty Muir, Seattle	'95 Black

New Faces

Join us for a fun event soon!

Michael Wilbert, Covington	Twilight Blue STO
Jan Jensen, Gig Harbor	08 Copper Red Mica



a look back

...And now, for the “thank-you’s”

by Mindy Bohnas
Past President, 2008-'09

Parties like the 20th Anniversary celebration are few and far between so we try to make them as memorable and enjoyable as possible for all who attend. I personally think this one can be counted among the best that I've attended myself. It takes a team of people to pull off an event of this size. This was a PSMC event so all Board Members had a hand in helping to make this a great event. Without Board Members there wouldn't be a club at all. I would also like to give public thanks here to several specific people.

First and foremost thanks is given to two former Past Presidents (and non Board Members to boot): Bill Cooper and Karen Perry. They suggested the use of the Pro Start Culinary Arts Program of Tahoma High School in Maple Valley as caterers for the evening, who in turn gave us some great food and a much needed break to our hard working food prep team of Tom & Cindy Millar and Charlotte Fellers! They also suggested the use of a caricature artist and negotiated that deal for the board, provided bartenders, brought their own sound system & karaoke for the evening entertainment, made all the

centerpieces for the tables that were given away as table prizes, bought all the extra food & drinks needed for the evening, and even donated a case of wine. Coop and Karen also arrived early for setup and stayed late for cleanup. Bravo!

If that wasn't enough, Mr. Bill Cooper also prepared and delivered a very funny “Roast” of one of our early Presidents, Bob Gunther. I learned things about Bob that I never knew before. (Of course I knew he was a Past President and also that he is the best person you could ever have install a new soft top on your Miata, but that was about it!)

Karen's nephew Ben and his friend whose name I didn't catch, manned the drink table all night long, graciously saving some board members that task, so we could mingle with the attendees. I'm not sure if they were properly thanked during the event so I want to be sure they are especially thanked here!

Next thanks goes to Bill Aycok & Don Bjorski for providing a glimpse of the past through a wonderful picture montage played all night long on a wide screen which they also brought along.

The secondary thanks here is for all the members who actually sent Bill some pictures to use. (You know who you are even if we don't...) Bill was nominated to do this job at a board meeting and possibly didn't even know about it until the article came out in the Sounder and he got his first email from someone sending pictures!

Charlotte Fellers gave her usual help to Karen & Coop with ideas about the food decisions, and wrote all the articles about the event, as well as taking pictures of some of the door prizes and Anniversary glasses for those articles. She collected all the money sent in early and kept track of pre-paid members, etc. etc. etc. Thank you!

Tom Millar kept track of all the party details, suggested itinerary and kept track of the budget for the event, prepared and gave a speech about the history of the club, presented awards to those being honored, awarded door prizes with the help of Karen Perry, and acted as “Karnac” to give away all of the very practical and cool table prizes.



The centerpieces at the 20th Anniversary party were a bit unusual, but much appreciated. They featured a basket full of essentials that every Miata owner should have in the trunk to be prepared for any emergency. These were given away at the end of the program.

Photo by Mindy Bohnas



Alan Dahl, one of the ‘almost’ charter members of the club, shows off the new engine he just had put into his 1990 Blue Miata.

Photo by Tom Smith

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Thanks enough for everyone!

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Cindy Millar provided two wonderful ladies sequined t-shirts as door prizes along with the hand stenciled paper bags and tissue paper to safely pass out the anniversary glasses. She also helped at the check-in table most of the evening.

Mike Springer provided the unique award certificates which were given out to our Past Presidents, past Sounder Editors and one special award given to Alan Dahl as the Longest Member of the Club. Alan started our website and also started our yearly Miatacross, which was originally called "Alan & Bill's Excellent Autocross Adventure". He still autocrosses (usually in a Solstice), helps carry royalty without floats in parades and comes to major events in his original Mariner Blue Miata!

Brian & Ling Louderback, Pam & Sean McGriff and Cindy Millar arrived early and manned the check-in table for most of the night. Drink, door prize, lapel pin and caricature tickets were being sold even after everyone was checked in so these people pretty much missed out being able to mingle with other members like the rest of us. Extra thanks go to them in my book!

Sean McGriff also bought most of the door prizes provided by the club that were on the side table along with Bill Cooper who found the clocks! Thank you both.

Special thanks go to Darrel & Stephanie Hooper, who provided three high quality men's apparel items with 20th Anniversary logos. They did this on their own with no request for compensation from the board. If you didn't know, they do have approval to sell logo printed apparel, hats, etc., to all members. I'm sure they would be happy to give you a quote on your favorite type of item with either the regular PSMC logo or the 20th Anniversary wording added. Send email to: bayside7@verizon.net

I believe that Donna Benson and Cindy Smith brought along scrapbooks of pictures and other memorabilia for everyone to take a look at. I find that it's very interesting to see how our club has progressed over the years and to see pictures and remember those who are no longer with us.

Board Member Tommy Gores currently sells promotional logo items, so he ordered the glasses we decided on and is graciously keeping the extras at his home.

I would also like to thank Tom Smith from bringing his exceptional camera and taking pictures throughout the night and also for the group shots of our honored guests. (Please view his and my photos of the event elsewhere in the Sounder).

Bob & Marti Mott brought along T-shirts for sale from their neighbor, Linda Cherepow. Her business email is Thread-n-Ink@gmail.com and they currently have an original M2 design

shirt in Large or X-L in black and white available for \$15.00. The Motts bought fabric paint and colored in their own car color as an example to show what could be done if you want to show off your color. Linda can also do embroidery design on clothing or print your favorite picture on a shirt.

For those of you who couldn't make it, we missed you! Hopefully you can attend an upcoming event soon. For those who were there, I hope you had as much fun as I did. Maybe we won't wait ten years for our next big Anniversary Party.

FYI: There are still some 20th Anniversary logo glasses left for sale. The price is \$5.00 each or 6 for \$25. It is not really practical to mail these breakable items at a reasonable price so if you are interested in buying at an upcoming event or would like to arrange a meeting on the weekend, please contact Tommy Gores at gorestommy@hotmail.com, Mindy Bohnas at fun4sun@bigfoot.com, or Tom Millar at Millar-Thomas@aramark.com.



a look back



Photos by Tom Smith
and Mindy Bohnas



Explore Oregon 2010 heads for Astoria

Hosts: Willamette Valley Miata Club

Contact: 503-851-1549

When: July 16-18, 2010



Heads up! If you want to attend this electrifying event this year, book now! It will fill up fast and you'll be sorry you missed it. Explore Oregon is an annual premier three-day event, organized by the Willamette Valley Miata Club and attended by several members of the

Puget Sound Miata Club. (Read the recap of last year's run in the Sounder archives, September 2009 issue). Duncan Johnson and Dee Dahlke and AJ and Vickie McGranahan will host a short pre-run to Astoria Friday, on some favorite backroads. No details on the pre-run have been announced yet, but the key to all is to make your reservations early!

Astoria is the center of this year's run, where you should be prepared to enjoy some of Oregon's most beautiful and historic scenery and explore the awesome back roads of the North Oregon Coast over the weekend of July

The event hotel is the Best Western Lincoln Inn, overlooking Coastal Oregon's Young's Bay and the Columbia River, the Best Western Lincoln Inn offers friendly customer service, full-service amenities and convenient access to key area attractions- all for an affordable rate! Each well-appointed guest room at this Astoria hotel boasts cable satellite television and free wireless high-speed Internet access. A complimentary full breakfast is included.

Plan to take advantage of a variety of hotel amenities including an indoor heated swimming pool and hot tub and exercise facility.

Watch ships, fishing charters and pleasure craft on the river that Lewis and Clark traveled on their way to the Pacific Ocean 200 years ago or ride the Astoria Riverfront Trolley. Throughout the area you will find beaches, museums, antiques, fishing, clamming, golfing, hiking and lush scenery as well as sport fishing for salmon, sturgeon and bottom fish.

To make your reservation call the number below and be sure to mention "Explore Oregon":

4555 Hamburg Avenue

Astoria, OR 97103

Tel: 503/325-2205 or 800-621-0641

This event filled quickly last year and the hotel is likely to fill soon, so if you plan to attend, you need to book now. The event will cap at 140 paid registrants. So far, about 70 people have pre-registered, but not all have paid. If you want to go to this event, sign up when you know so you won't miss out on the fun.

Other costs for the weekend include a \$55 per person charge that includes a Friday evening reception; the Saturday evening dinner banquet; Explore Oregon T-Shirt, attendee pack with event stickers, maps, schedules and more! If you would like a polo shirt instead of a t-shirt, add \$5.00 per shirt. To sign up now, you should complete the registration form at the WVMC website, www.oregonmx5.com. You also will need to RSVP to their website so they will be able to let others know how many and who has made plans to attend.

Send completed registration form along with a check or money order <http://www.oregonmx5.com/to>:

For more information, call 503-851-1549.

Annual tulip run coming up

Hosts: MG Car Club

Contact: www.mbgcc.org

Date: April 24, 2010, La Connor & Burlington

Consider all the fun you'll be missing if you don't sign up for the Mt. Baker MG Car Club's 29th Annual Tulip Rallye, scheduled for April 24. The 2010 starts from Cascade Mall at 9:30 a.m. with timed starts every few minutes. This year's version will feature a shorter driving route, giving participants a chance to view more tulip fields, and will include a drive-by of some interesting bodies of water. The hope is that tulips will bloom "on time" to make for a colorful drive.

Cost is \$12 to \$20 depending on when you register. You can obtain registration information at www.mbgcc.org.

Another component of the event is the chance to take home bragging rights for your club. If at least five cars from the PSMC register, the club will have at least one car that has a winner for the club. But you must register as a member of the PSMC for this to happen, and when it does, it could be YOU!

Additionally, bring some canned food for the annual food drive sponsored by the MGCC. Last year, the club reports that it collected 725 cans of food and about \$1,400 in cash for the area food bank. This year, in lieu of selling t-shirts and other promotional items, the club invites everyone to make a donation that will go to Haiti cleanup efforts.

The Tulip Rallye is a gimmick rallye. Taking the place of periodic time/route stops are a series of questions you need to answer. This allegedly enables virtually anyone to do well at the rallye. Last year, club member Denise Williamson captured the trophy representing PSMC. It takes five cars from the club to register to qualify for a trophy, so get busy!

2010 Slush Series begins

By Denise Williamson

The 2010 autocross season started out on February 7 with "Slush #1" at Sanderson Field in Shelton. Out of 107 entrants, eight were PSMC drivers. The weather was pretty good. The morning was wet, but dried up by the afternoon. The afternoon session was dry.

Miatas in Moab IV is back!



When: May 14 through 16, 2010

Hosts: Utah Miata Club

**Pre-Register @
www.utahmiataclub.com**

The Utah Miata Club is known for its "Miatas in Moab" drive in event, which attracts more than 300 cars from all over the United States. Go to their website (above) and check out the map, which has markers for every state that has cars registered so far.

You may be interested in joining a pre-run with members of the Mt. Hood Miata Club, who are planning to leave May 12 and will overnight in Twin Falls, ID, arriving in Moab the next day. This club has invited the PSMC membership to join in the fun by either meeting them and a pre-determined location or embarking from Oregon with them. The main events at Miatas in Moab IV will happen Friday and Saturday, and the Mt. Hood group plans to return home via a different route, possibly by way of the Bonneville Salt Flats, with a night on the return in Twin Falls, arriving back at home on Monday, May 17. To contact this group for the pre-run, please email activitiesdir@mthoodmiata.org.

The Miatas in Moab IV event has no registration fee but you do need to RSVP at their website. The down side is that host hotels are already booked, so you will need to await further instructions on alternative accommodations if you are serious about going. Once announced, they will likely book up quickly, so plan now if you want to attend. The UMC advises you check their website for updates regularly.

"Unplugged" means that this will be a relaxed event. Anyone is free to plan their own ride or activity. Clubs are invited to bring goodie bags to distribute or trade with other attendees, and clubs can bring their own promotional items to trade or sell. If anyone from the PSMC is going, this would be a great time to sell/trade the PSMC pins or 20th Anniversary commemorative wine glasses. Notify a board member if you are interested in the opportunity to represent the club and help make the club some money.

If you'd like to order a commemorative t-shirt, sweatshirt, hat, patch, or lightweight jacket featuring the Miatas in Moab IV logo, contact Mike Bailey at mike@mikebaileyprinting.com or call Mike at (801) 597-1456 and mention size and quantity. T-Shirts and hats will be \$15.00.

In Open Street, *Bob Bundy* took second place in his '90 Miata with a 52.844. He missed first place by all of .036. *Dieter Beldi*, driving his '07 Mazdaspeed 3, was second in Street Tire 1 with a DS-indexed time of 38.986. He missed first place by only .069. In Street Tire 2, *Steve Whitney* placed fourth with a CSP-indexed time of 49.784. He was not far off the pace of the first and second place national-level drivers. Having fun in Time Only AM were *Glen Hernandez* in his '95R Miata (52.730) and *Michael Colangelo* in his '05 Mitsubishi Evolution (56.935). PSMC drivers in Time Only PM were *Bob Bundy* in his '90 Miata (45.932), *Glen Hernandez* (47.388) and *Tom Slipp* in his '91 Miata (50.979).

Kudos for the event go to *Bob Bundy* and *Dieter Beldi*. Bob had the seventh top unindexed time of the day, and Dieter had the 10th. Dieter also had the fourth top indexed time of the day.

The first event went well, and everyone was happy to autocross again after about four months. Hope to see you out there! The calendar is at www.wwscc.org.

Plan ahead!

Are you a new member of PSMC? You won't want to miss this event, which happens April 11. Watch the website for details on the New Members' Drive, where you will meet some of the club's board members, win some wonderful door prizes, and learn how the club is run.

President's Message

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we need new ideas from newer members to provide our club's future. The venue for this event will be our home in Mill Creek and we will be providing burgers and hot dogs for those attending. Attendees need to provide accompaniments for this less-than-gourmet affair.

In the meantime, "Drop your tops and hit the black tops!"

WWSCC Schedule/March

Go to www.wwscc.org for more information

7 WWSCC Slush 3

Sanderson Field

2010 Calendar

For details about these events or to **RSVP**, check out the Calendar at pugetsoundmiataclub.org

March 2010

- 5 First Friday Formal, Tacoma, hosted by Springers
- 13 Saturday Social, hosted by Fellers, 5 p.m., in Auburn
- 27 Nominating Meeting, hosted by Millars, Mill Creek, starts at 11:30 a.m. with burgers and hot dogs for lunch.

April 2010

- 2 **New Event!** First Friday Formal and ALS Benefit in memory of George Lazur, hosted by Ohlsens and Lazur.
- 11 New Members' Drive, hosted by Ohlsens. Join in and welcome our new members plus a chance to win some fun prizes!
- 24 MG Car Club 29th Tulip Rallye. Gimmick-type Road Rallye - all are welcome; rallye starts in Burlington.

May 2010

- 1 Detailin' Day, hosted by PSMC Board
- 2 Corvettes de Olympia Open Poker Rallye, on backroads around Olympia. All car clubs are invited to attend. For more information, go to the website at www.corvettesdeolympia.org. No pre-run to this event, just come and run it!
- 8 Miatacross, Anderson Field, Shelton
- 8 Sequim Irrigation Festival and Parade
- 15 Poulsbo Viking Fest Parade
- 19 Eat n Greet, Five Guys Burgers, The Landing in Renton, 6:30 p.m., hosted by McGriffs
- 21-23 LeMay Museum On The Road Tour. Check www.lemaymuseum.org for details.
- 23 Vaughn Cemetery Aisle of Honor and drive to the Motts in Gig Harbor, details TBA.
- 29 Shelton Parade & "After Social" hosted by Gores.

June 2010

- 5 PSMC Board Election Meeting at Fellers' home in Auburn.
- 12 Second Sloppy Saturday, hosted by McGriffs, starts at The Landing, Renton.
- 22 Eat n Greet in Puyallup, hosted by Dahlke/Johnson
- 26 Port Orchard's Fathoms of Fun Parade.

July 2010

- 2-4 Historics Races, Pacific Raceways, hosted by Springer
- 4 Kingston 4th of July Parade.
- 10 Whitebey Island Run II, hosted by Shriver/Kus.
- 16-18 Explore Oregon 2010, hosted by Willamette Valley Miata Club..

July 2010

- 18 Chinatown Parade (tentative).
- 24 Silverdale Whaling Days Parade.
- 24 Mt. Baker Fun Run with Sea to Sky Miata Club, hosted by Millars. The breathtaking views from atop Mt. Baker make this run worth the trip! Usually includes a stop at a great family-owned Italian restaurant to end the day.
- 31 Garage Sale Run, hosted by Olsens. NEW DRIVE! Watch for details soon!

August 2010

- 7 Great Northwest Gathering, hosted by PSMC Board.
- 17 Eat n Greet, XXX in Issaquah, hosted by McGriffs. Meet your friends at this iconic landmark for burgers and malts on the patio!
- 21 Haywire Hoot II, hosted by Newsoms.
- 28 LeMay Museum Open House, Spanaway. Once a year, the museum opens all the doors to every building so you can see more than 1000 classic and collector cars. A can't miss event!

September 2010

- 5 South Bend Parade, meet at Gig Harbor for breakfast, hosted by Dahlke/Johnson, with the CDeO Club, offers a fun ride through the backroads to the always-popular South Bend Parade. Follow the caravan to a great fish fry afterward.
- 11-12 Olympic Peninsula Lite, hosted by Millars.
- 18 First Annual Autumn Rallye, hosted by PSMC Board.
- 25 Leavenworth Autumn Fest Parade
- 26 North Cascades Run, hosted by McGranahans.

October 2010

- 1-3 Long Beach Mystery Tour, hosted by Springers.
- 9 Corn Maze III, hosted by Fellers & Dahlke/Johnson
- 30 Halloween Party, hosted by Millars.
- 31 Bremerton Safe Trick or Treat.

November 2010

- 6 PSMC Fall Planning Meeting, Mitzel's in Fife, lunch at 11 a.m., meeting at noon.
- 21 Turkey Teaser, hosted by McGriffs, starts in Renton.

December 2010

- 31 Dee Dalhke's Big Birthday Party! Puyallup. Cruise in for an afternoon casual party and then head off to your nighttime celebrations.

President's Message



By Tom Millar
PSMC President

Denver is generally cold this time of year, with temperatures dipping into the low teens. This is where I find myself as I write you all once again. Sunshine is abundant, however, and provides a nice respite from the dreary droopy weather we are typically accustomed to at this time of year in the Pacific Northwest. However, the first weekend in Saturday in February was magnificent, warm and sunny day, that inspired me to wash our fleet of cars! My Cindy often refers to this particular weather phenomenon as the "February fake out". Anyway, enough with the weather already.

As I am writing this message in "sections" it is now a couple of days later and I have completed the Red Wine & Chocolate Tour, expertly put together by Lindanne and Tommy Gores. While the February Woodinville weather could have been more cooperative, the fellowship and the wine samplings were divine.

As I read the February Sounder and specifically Charlotte's article on our 20th Anniversary Party, I was touched by our rich history, centered on the 1989 auto success known as the Miata. Being a relative "newbie" to our club I was captivated by the stories relayed by more senior members who painted the picture of our roots, and provided us wisdom for our future. It was also great meeting for my first time club legends like Bill Allen, Alan Dahl and Bob Gunther. Our celebration was a success with member participation nearly reaching our goal of 100. Let's join together to make our next 20 years a time to remember.

There were several people that contributed to the success of this event. However, one of the individuals who gave her all to making this a premier PSMC event is Karen Perry. Prior to the event Karen coordinated the efforts with our caterers, a personal relationship that resulted in a quality food presentation at a modest cost to our club. Karen and Bill Cooper also shopped the good deals and delivered the lion's share of the goodies that we all enjoyed. Karen and Bill also assembled the very unique table centerpiece decorations that were displayed on each table. Thank you Karen, and Bill, for a job well done!

There is another area during the Past President's recognition at the 20th Anniversary Party that requires attention. Somehow we missed recognizing Karen as a Past President during our certificate presentations. Karen served with distinction during a very tumultuous time in our club's history. She graciously stepped up to the plate during a difficult time and provided the leadership the club desperately needed. For this effort, and for her many succeeding efforts, I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to Karen for this spirit of service to our club

In closing, I want to want remind everyone that we will soon have our board member nominations coming up on Saturday, March 27th. This is an important time for our club as we recruit new board members to replace those who have served faithfully and may want to step down. For those who have not had the pleasure of serving on the PSMC Board, it can be a fulfilling experience as

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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 or send your name, address and check for \$30 (annual chapter dues) to:

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222 Wells Ave N
Renton, WA 98055

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**“Unless someone like you
cares a whole awful lot,
nothing is going to get better.
It’s not.”**

--Dr. Seuss--

Needed immediately! Make new and fun friends! Learn more about the inner workings of the PSMC! Volunteer positions are open for PSMC members: Data Coordinator, Insurance Coordinator, directors-at-large, and Sounder Editor. To volunteer for one of these jobs, contact President Tom Millar at 206-390-3469.

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