

# Miata Sounder



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

## The Gathering coming in August

**When:** August 7, 2010

**Where:** Griot's Garage, 3333 S. 38th St, Tacoma

**When:** 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (apx.)

**Hosted by** PSMC Board

It sneaks up on you, but it's already been a year, so that means it's time for The Great Northwest Gathering. This year's event will be hosted at Griot's Garage, 3333 S. 38th St, Tacoma. You can check out their website, with photos of past car club events at [www.griotsgarage.com](http://www.griotsgarage.com).

Those of you who attended Detailin' Day may remember that Griot's provided our cleaning and polishing supplies as a co-sponsor of the event. They have opened their meeting space for us to have our Gathering this year and to help us celebrate Year 21 of the greatest sports car on the road!

*New date!*

## *Whistler spotlight of summer drive*

**When:** July 17-18

**Where:** Exit 205 off I-5 at 7 a.m.

**Hosts:** Tom and Cindy Millar

**RSVP:** PSMC Website

Come join your fellow members for a drive to Canada and enjoy some "top down" driving this month!

Originally announced to take place July 24-25, this drive date has been changed to July 17-18, so if you are planning on going to Whistler with the PSMC and Sea to Sky Club, check your reservation date and your calendar. Either way, you should plan on jumping in on this new drive, that will feature a start time of 7:00 a.m. for a driver's

Activities will commence at 10 a.m. and will feature a Show 'n Shine with prizes given for the top three winners. Due to some unexpected funding from the Mazda Corporation, we'll be hosting a burger and dog lunch and the opportunity to win some nice door prizes. This year's event will also feature a Tech Workshop and the chance to purchase car goodies you may need right at Griot's Garage. This year's event will not feature the traditional car games that we have hosted in the past, but it will provide a comfortable place to visit with your friends and reconnect with some that you have not seen in a while.

So take the opportunity to head on in to Tacoma for this annual celebration of the Miata! You can RSVP on the website and check there for last minute details.

**Directions to Griot's Garage:** From I-5 take Exit 132. Get onto 38th St. and bear to the right and look for Griot's (large white building with red stripes). Cross street is South Lawrence Street.

meeting. Meeting place is at the I-5 Exit 206, in the Safeway parking lot, which is on the east side of the freeway. This day will end up overnight stay in Whistler before returning home the next day. Tom and Cindy Millar are hosts for this drive.

In the past, the PSMC has joined up with Canadian Miata enthusiasts from the Sea to Sky Miata Club for rides to Mt. Baker. This year we are joining our Canadian friends on their Alice Lake Picnic run.

This drive will feature stunning Canadian backroad scenery and an overnight stay in Whistler, which has lots of hotel rooms available. (The hosts are staying at the Hilton).

To RSVP, please check the website.

## Upcoming Events

### July 2-4

Historics Races, Pacific Raceways, check website for details.

### July 5

Independence Day Parade in Kingston. See website for details on this unique event!

### July 10

Whidbey Island Run. See p. 3 for details.

### July 17-18

Join the Sea to Sky Club for a drive and overnight in beautiful Whistler, BC.

### July 16-18

Explore Oregon pre-run and weekend event on the beach! See p. 2 for details.

### July 24

Silverdale Whaling Days Parade, check the website for details.

### July 25

Chinatown Parade. A chance to carry royalty from the International community!



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Visit our website for the latest club info, links to other Miata sites and more.

**upcoming**

**Explore Oregon tour to launch**

**Pre-Run Hosts: Dee Dahlke &  
Duncan Johnson  
Contact: 253.845.2424  
ToadHallWa@yahoo.com**

**When: July 16-18, 2010**

The fine tuning for the pre-run to the fabulous Explore Oregon Tour is ready to go! If you enjoy driving scenic backroads in your Miata, plan on taking a day off in the middle of summer to join this tour.

The meeting place and start point for the pre-run will be from Norma's Burgers & Breakfasts I-5, just off exit 114 of Interstate 5 in Nisqually, Wash. Check their web site at: http://normasburger.com for map and information. (Note this is the new I-5 Norma's, not the old Martin Way Norma's.)

We'll meet Friday, July 16 at 9:30 AM, and leave at 10:00 AM. We'll leisurely cruise the two-laners, stop for lunch around South Bend and maybe take a peek at their beautiful and historic courthouse, then continue to a mid-afternoon arrival at Astoria.

Please RSVP for the tour on our PSMC web site so the hosts know who to expect. Be aware that the RSVP for the pre-run does **NOT** register you for Explore Oregon; you must sign up separately with the host club. You can follow-up with Dee at 253-845-2424 (late afternoon or early evening is best) or e-mail ToadHallWa@yahoo.com.

**Have an article for the Sounder?**

Beginning July 1, the Sounder editor job will shift over to Pam McGriff and assistant, Tom Mackey. Their email addresses are to your left.

To make their jobs easier, remember these tips  
--Before you submit articles, change the font to the Sounder's default font, Arial, 10-point.

--At the end of each sentence, use one space, not two. It saves space and most publications use this format; so do we.

--Send articles as an attachment; don't paste them into the email window. This creates an extra step for the editor, who already has a lot to do.

--If you send photos, send j-pegs. We have to "photoshop" them anyway for publication, so just send them straight from your digital camera.

--Send 3-5 photos, not 25-30. We need your BEST photos, not all of them.

--The deadline for the next month is the 15th of the current month; thus, for August's issue, the deadline is July 15.

--The event host is responsible for writing pre-run articles and finding a volunteer to write a post-run article. Always send photos too.

*Thanks to everyone who faithfully sent articles and photos to me for the past 2+ years. We have many people who are out there taking photos and reporting for us. Also thanks to our two past presidents, Tom Millar, and Mindy Bohnas, who have made my job fun and much easier, with their dedication to the club and it's success.*

--Retiring editor, Charlotte Fellers

# Whidbey Run a fan favorite

When: July 10

Where: Clinton Park and Ride on Whidbey Island

Hosted by: Shriver/Kus and Millars

Contact: banditwa@msn.com, 360-678-1273,

by *Frank Shriver*

Explore the grandeur of Whidbey Island as you join Frank Shriver, Carol Kus and Tom & Cindy Millar on Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, for this great island ride! Our journey will begin at the Park & Ride located in Clinton, as most people will be arriving

## *New editor takes over*

Pam McGriff has stepped up to the job of Sounder editor, beginning this month, taking over for the retiring Charlotte Fellers. She accepted the job at the quarterly board meeting June 7.

"During the meeting, Pam McGriff stepped forward to assume the duties of the Sounder Editor from Charlotte Fellers. Thank you Pam, and thank you Charlotte for a sincere job well done!" said Tom Millar, upon passing the reins of his tenure as president.

Mike Springer was elected president of the club and will guide the PSMC through another successful year of drives and fun. Also elected unanimously at the meeting were new directors-at-large, Frank Shriver, Tom Mackey, Mindy Bohnas, Allan Ohlsen, and returning board members Pam McGriff, Brian Louderback, Tommy Gores, Chris Stollery and Charlotte Fellers.

Tom Millar will step down as the president and enter the realm of executive officer while Sean McGriff will continue for another year as financial officer. Nominated as the new communication officer is A.J. McGranaghan. Pam McGriff will take over duties of Sounder editor.

The ceremonial passing of the Miata drawing, which has the signatures of ever president of the club, was completed after elections. This involves passing off the framed drawing from the past president to the new president. In past years, a bottle of wine with a special PSMC label was passed, but alas, it got broken in Tom Millar's garage this year, so no wine was passed on.

This was one of the best-attended board meetings in a long time, with 22 people showing up at the home of Charlotte Fellers for baked lasagne, salads and desserts. Despite the rain-swept weather conditions, the board had a great time socializing prior to the elections.

Much discussion at the board meeting centered around the upcoming Gathering, which will be August 7 in the South End at Griot's Garage, 3333 S. 38th St, Tacoma. Griot's was one of the sponsors of Detailin' Day, donating cleaning supplies and polishes for members to use to clean their cars.

on the Mukilteo-Clinton ferry. Plan to fuel your Miata prior to boarding the ferry because gas prices on Whidbey are running 20-30 cents per gallon higher than on the mainland. The ferries run every half hour and the crossing takes about 15 minutes. Please plan on arriving in Mukilteo a few minutes after 9:00 a.m. to catch the 9:30 boat. We will have a driver's meeting at 10:00 and will leave the park and ride at 10:15.

Whidbey Island is 62 miles long and just over 1.5 miles wide at Greenbank in Central Whidbey.

Upon the completion of the tour we will meet at Frank and Carol's home, located two miles north of Greenbank, to enjoy burgers and hot dogs as well as to enjoy the sunset and view of Admiralty Inlet.

Please RSVP on the club's website.

## *Last-minute event planned (and it involves food!)*

What: Saturday Social

When: July 24, 3 p.m. to ???

Where: AJ and Vickie McGranaghans,  
10805 Wooddale Ln SW, Lakewood, WA 98498.

Contact: 253.298.8916

or mcgranaghan52@msn.com

Come join us for a fun-filled afternoon on July 24 at 3 p.m. That's because we're cooking up a deep-fried turkey and providing some appetizers to get us started on some meal items.

We're asking you to join us and bring a side dish or dessert to share. We'll provide soda and water so if you want any other beverages, please bring them along too.

The plan is to get together and socialize over good food on a nice summer evening in the backyard.

Please RSVP on the website so we can get a head count and prepare enough turkey.

**Directions to the McGranaghans:** From I-5 North or South, take the Gravelly Lake Dr. exit (Exit 124) and go right onto Gravelly Lake Dr. SW. Go about a mile and take a left onto Washington Blvd. SW and go about 3/4 mile; take a right onto Interlakken Drive the a left on 107th St. SW. Turn left on Wooddale Ln. SW and look for the house, which will be on your left.



# PSMC Autumn Rallye spells fun!

Hosted by: PSMC Board

When: September 18

Where: Coop's Miata, Maple Valley

Imagine a beautiful fall afternoon with the top down, enjoying the colors of the season as leaves turn from green to brown, yellow, red, and orange. Now, imagine driving some backroads with others and answering trivia questions and maybe even winning a prize at the end of the day.

That's what you'll experience if you participate in this year's newest "event" drive, which will hopefully become one of the main fundraisers for the club. The drive will take you around some South King County backroads on some nice curves while enjoying the stellar weather that usually brings fall colors with it.

This drive is being masterminded by Bill Cooper and Karen Perry, who are busy planning some interesting twists to the event. We do know the start and end points will be at Coop's Miata in Maple Valley. You'll be able to stop by the registration booth and collect all your tickets, free gift, and directions and be on your way immediately, if you choose.

After your drive, you will get a hot dog lunch and enjoy your food while listening to the sounds of a three-piece band that specializes in '60's and '70's music. In addition, you will be entered into a raffle for some terrific door prizes, including



car care packs, a Made in Washington picnic pack, and a tire rim wall clock, perfect for your shop.

We have partnered with local food banks to help collect canned goods for the local needy, so plan to bring along some canned food to donate at two pit stops along the way.

The entry fee is \$20 per car in advance or \$25 at the gate. The entry fee will come with a raffle ticket for each person in the car, one meal ticket, one set of directions, and one commemorative gift of a collectible glass with the logo

imprinted on it. Additional raffle tickets, commemorative glasses, and lunch tickets will be available for sale at the event. As updates become available, you can find them at the club's website, [www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org](http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org), where you can download a registration form.

## Times are a-changin'

by Tom Millar

As the title of this article would indicate, there is change underway in our Puget Sound Miata Club. During the past several months there has been a consistent plea for someone to step forward and take the reins relative to our *Sounder* editor responsibilities. I am pleased to announce that at our quarterly board meeting in June, our own Pam McGriff stepped forward to assume the duties of *Sounder* editor, beginning in July. Tom Mackey, one of our newest PSMC Board Members, will provide editorial assistance to Pam. I want to personally thank Pam, and her assistant Tom, for answering the call to fulfill this important function of our club.

We will be experiencing another change relative to the *Sounder*. With the arrival of the internet and websites, many clubs have transitioned entirely to cyber communication, abandoning traditional newsletters in favor of this new medium. We have elected not to do this.

However, we will be reducing our publishing of the *Sounder* to nine issues per year versus the 12 currently being produced. Our intent will be to publish monthly during the high Miata season summer months, while combining months during the off season. Although some may view this as a cost saving measure, the more accurate reason is that we need to provide relief for the *Sounder* editor. In taking this action there will be more reliance on receiving information via the website. This change in our publishing frequency will also cause us to make a change to the PSMC Constitution and a select group of Board Members will be charged with completing this task. I would ask for your commitment and patience as we transition to this necessary change in our traditional way of doing business.

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## Familiar Faces

### Hope to see you at an event soon!

Kathy Roumeliotis, Edmonds	'93 Silver
Howard Lynch, Renton	'93 Red
Cheryl Teague & Steve Whitney, Seattle	'03 Midnight Blue
Charlotte Fellers, Auburn	'90 White
Rayanna Edwards, Bellevue	'99 Twilight Blue
Dick & Gail Hankinson, Edmonds	'07 Galaxy Grey
Jim & Mary Ermin, Lynnwood	'95 Montego
Jean Zeman & Todd Witzel, Buckley	'03 Silver
Jeff Brash, Friday Harbor	'95 White
Suzanne & Raymond Gardner, Maple Valley	'06 Red
Gayle Lazur, Lynnwood	'01 Black ML 320
Don & Lois Herbert, Tacoma	'02 Midnight Blue
Dieter & Laura Beldi, Federal Way	'90 Red
Jeff & Danna Kopanke, Sammamish	'95 Merlot
Bob Bundy, Anacortes	'90 White
AJ & Vickie McGranaghan, Lakewood	'04 Silver
Bruce & Kathy Gustafson, Tacoma	'97 Black
Joy Maxion, Sequim	'03 Emerald Green
John Conn, Poulsbo	'92 Sunburst
Jeff & Patty Johnson, Auburn	'99 Silver

## *Haywire Hoot ready for another look*

When: August 21, 2010 @ 9:30 a.m.

Hosts: Gayle and Keith Newsom,  
elghund1@juno.com; (360) 943-8521

RSVP: PSMC website

It only happens once every ten years, and this year, we see the return of the Haywire Hoot. It all begins on August 21 and the hosts, Gayle and Keith Newsom, promise a lot of fun as they resurrect the 2000 version of this drive. Once again, it will be a low-key, laid-back fun tour of some of the beautiful country and neat roads near Olympia.

Because things change over time we've had to make a few alterations. One is that instead of tiptoeing around the West Olympia Bridge that was crunched by the earthquake ten years ago, we'll cross its modern replacement. The other is that we won't be eating lunch at La Tarasca. (They can't handle a large group on top of their regular customers. But you should go there on your own sometime. They're still wonderful!) Instead we'll stop at Mary McCrank's. It's a neat place, too.

We'll never stray far from I-5, so those of you who need to take off early can do so gracefully.

As Click and Clack would say, this tour is divided into three parts: (1), B, and Roman numeral III.

(1) We'll gather starting at 9:30 am in the east parking lot of the Olympia Farmers Market, at the foot of Capitol

## *Change has arrived*

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In concert with our present communication vehicles we are exploring a new medium "Socializr", or other forms of web-based communications, to promote our club's many offerings. This project is being led by A.J. McGranaghan, also one of our newest PSMC Board Members. We anticipate hearing news of this new form of communication later this summer.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my sincere thanks to Charlotte Fellers who has served faithfully as our PSMC Sounder editor for the past few years. Charlotte has done a magnificent job in this very demanding role.

In conclusion, change is not always easy to accept. Your PSMC Board realizes the importance of communication as well as to balance this need with not over-taxing any one person with the burden of editor duties. We also welcome your ideas in improving our communications, especially those who would be willing to step forward and assist with these efforts.

Way. To get there from Seattle, go south on I-5 to exit 105B (Port of Olympia), which becomes Plum St. Go about 7 blocks and turn L onto State St. Go about 7 blocks and turn R onto Capitol Way. Go about 5 blocks, enter roundabout, go about 1/3 revolution, go a short block, and turn L into the lot.

We'll monitor CB channel 10 for latecomers and lost souls.

At 10:00 am sharp, we'll set off on an appetite-building run of about 60 miles. We'll see water both salt and fresh, forests, farms, and lots of good Miata roads.

**B.** The gastronomic highlight of the day will be our noon-time stop at Mary McCrank's in Chehalis. Mary McCrank's has been operating since 1935, and has great food. Check their menu at [www.marymccranks.com](http://www.marymccranks.com)

**III.** Driving gets even better after lunch. We've selected about 85 additional miles of fantastic roads. The scenery is tops! And you'll discover why this run is called Haywire Hoot. (Bring small wind instruments, including your car horn). We'll end up at Tumwater Falls Park, where there's a nice walk along the Deschutes River. Alas, the brewery is also gone.

Please RSVP on the PSMC website. See ya there!

## *Show 'n Shine planned*

**When: August 14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**Where: Lee Johnson**

**Hosted by PSMC Board**

**RSVP: [www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org](http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org)**

We have accepted an invitation to participate in a "show and shine" event at Lee Johnson Chevrolet-Mazda in Woodinville, WA. The event will run from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the dealership. A designated area will be provided by Lee Johnson for this event.

This event commemorates the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lee Johnson as well as recognition of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Miata. While the details of this event are still under construction, our PSMC membership support of this event is needed and appreciated.

We hope to build some goodwill with Lee Johnson, a dealership where many of us have shopped for Miatas and parts in the past. The event will give the opportunity to gab with other Miatalites and generally have a great time. Lee Johnson represents a potential sponsor for our club and our attendance will help in promoting this effort.

So help out the club and come support this fun event at the same time! See the website for directions to the event.



## aftermath

# *Aisle of Honor a moving tribute to vets*

by Dee Dahlke ('99 silver "Road Dancer")

and Duncan Johnson

We must admit we approached this event with a mix of trepidation and curiosity. What could possibly be going on for Memorial Day at the Vaughn Bay Cemetery, at a village which is a mere speck on the Key Peninsula map somewhere between the urban complexes of Purdy and Victor? Over the years we have paid our respects at some of the great military cemeteries, such as Arlington, Gettysburg, Punchbowl, and just a few weeks ago at Normandy, but what of Vaughn? On the other hand this was to be a Marti & Bob Mott production, which always has a lot of potential, and there are some great sports car roads in the vicinity, so we shined up and showed up at the Purdy Park-n-Ride lot under threatening skies.

In addition to your reporters and the organizers, Miata teams attending included Vera & Charlotte, Gayle & Keith, Cindy & President Tom, and visitors Diane & Al (in a new-gen MX-5.) Once past the Purdy Spit and its oysters we were onto seriously countrified roads, even passing the Hairstream Salon, where some beautician styles your mane in an old Airstream trailer in the woods. Damp pavement kept the speeds in check, but we had the typical Sports Motoring road run events: Bob's CB radio didn't work, our group had a minor pit stop and temporarily lost one car, and then the tour leader missed the turn into the cemetery but the back of pack didn't, so we arrived in a rather ragged formation, but we did park in neat military order, and attached U.S. flags to our cars (provided by Bob, for those who didn't have one on board.)

ou could describe Vaughn Bay Cemetery as a little country "berry patch" and you'd normally be right, but not on Memorial Day. On this quiet bosky hillside the local Key Peninsula Veterans Institute volunteer group has developed an Aisle Of Honor, lining both sides of the circular drive around the veterans' monument with 285 flag poles, each with an official presentation flag from some veteran's funeral, each donated by one of the 285 lost veterans' families. And, oh, what a formal ceremony takes place under all that red-white-and-blue color. There are a couple of hundred seated spectators in front of the monument, many wearing mementoes of their own days in uniform, recent or long past. Motorcycle veterans rumble in to pay tribute. A navy band is playing martial music, an army marching honor guard presents the



*This Aisle of Miatas made its way to the Aisle of Honor at the Vaughn Cemetery May 30. The event culminated in a dinner at the home of hosts Bob and Marti Mott*

*Photo by Duncan Johnson*



*Board members took an oath on the by-laws of the PSMC upon election June 6. Pictured from left: Chris Stollery, Tom Gores, Frank Shriver, Brian Louderback (well, his eyes anyway), A J McGranaghan, Sean McGriff, Mike Springer, Pam McGriff, Mindy Bohnas, Tom Mackey, Tom Millar, and Charlotte Fellers. Not pictured: Allan Ohlsen. .*

*Photo by Lily Springer*



*Waiting for the program to begin, PSMC members come up with a plan of action to view the flags and events at the Vaughn Cemetery May 30.*

*Photo by Duncan Johnson*

# Autocross in full swing

by Denise Williamson

It's been crazy busy, so let's dive right in! April 18 was BSCC #2, held by BSCC in Bremerton. Out of 167 entrants, four were PSMC members. Nathan Provo won Super Sport in his '03 Z06 with a 43.361. In Sports C, Tom Slipp placed seventh in his '91 Miata with a 48.192. In Street Tire, Steven Whitney placed 18<sup>th</sup> in his '03 Miata with a CSP-indexed time of 45.367. Dieter Beldi placed second in PAX in an '09 Chevy Cobalt with a DS-indexed time of 37.773. Big Kudos for the event go to Nathan Provo, who had the top unindexed time of the day. Wow!

The SCCA Wendover National Tour aka Western States Championship was held May 15-16 in Wendover, Utah. Besides autocrossing, I cannot think of any other reason to visit this forlorn, isolated dumping ground. Fortunately, the weather was good: not too hot, not too cold, with a slight breeze. Demonstrating his penchant to drive just about anywhere to autocross, Glen Hernandez ran unopposed in the STS class. Not easily dissuaded, Glen returned to Wendover the next weekend for the SCCA ProSolo. This time he ran against seven others, but it was of no matter. He won the STS class anyway. Maybe his new wing helped.

Memorial Day weekend included racing, of course. You don't think autocrossers take vacations, do you? May 30, SCCA held their third championship event of the year, this time at

## Aisle of Honor

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colors, and the practiced eye reading their ribbons and medals and badges observes that these are not mere garrison troops, they are men and women who have been through the wringer themselves. Dignitaries make speeches, the names on the roll of honor are read on and on as the bell tolls (some local families honor veterans going back to the Revolutionary War.) A wreath is laid, an army rifle platoon fires volleys, our club's old Coast Guard commanders manage to creak to attention when the band plays Semper Paratus, and finally the notes of Taps echo through a light rain. As they say, "All gave some, some gave all," in service to their country. This is the way such things ought to be done.

Back in the Miatas we geared up and down out of the cemetery and through a selection of secondary routes to the Motts' house which is ostensibly in Gig Harbor, but might as well be on rural Pluto, they are so far out in the woods. Bob & Marti have made a standing club joke about their endless home construction project, but in reality they have some Very Nice digs with many custom features, not the least of which is the robotic trash can in the guests' powder room (you had to be there!) Great pots of chili were steaming away (red or white,) accompanied by corn pone with butter and honey, salad, punch, fine wines, you name it, it was there to "hit the spot" while we were solving the world's problems after a long day on the motorsports trail. Moral of the story: Take in an unlikely club event; you might be surprised and delighted.

Bremerton. Out of 139 entrants, six were from PSMC. In Stock 1, Nathan Provo placed sixth in his '03 Z06 with an SS-indexed time of 47.036. In Non-Stock 4, Glen Hernandez placed third in his '95 Miata with an STS-indexed time of 38.391; Tim Irwin placed 15<sup>th</sup> in his '94 Miata with an STR-indexed time of 44.194; Russell Hill placed 16<sup>th</sup> in his '91 Miata with an STS-indexed time of 45.599. Dieter Beldi won Open PAX in an '09 Chevy Cobalt with a DS-indexed time of 42.994 (we can safely assume this was \*after\* the wheel bearings were repaired). Having fun in Time Only PM was Tim Irwin in his '94 Miata with an unindexed time of 52.803. Kudos for the event go to Glen Hernandez, who had the fourth top indexed time of the day.

The next day, there was even more racing at Bremerton. 122 Entrants (three from PSMC) attended BSCC #3. Nathan Provo won Super Sport in his '03 Z06 with a 65.909. In PAX, Dieter Beldi placed third in an '09 Chevy Cobalt with a DS-indexed time of 55.933. He also drove the Cobalt in the Time Only class and got a 55.050. Kudos for the event go to Dieter Beldi for having the second top time of the day.

June started off with BEAC's 36<sup>th</sup> Autopilot, a WWSCC event held in Shelton. Out of 77 entrants, eight were from PSMC. Bob Bundy won Open Street in his '90 Miata with a 54.844. In PRO1, Dieter Beldi placed third in an '09 Chevy Cobalt with a DS-indexed time of 45.196. Nathan Provo won Super Stock in his '03 Z06 with a 43.499. In Street Tire-Touring, Glen Hernandez placed first in his '95 Miata with an STS-indexed time of 47.872, and Russell Hill placed 10<sup>th</sup> in his '91 Miata with an STS-indexed time of 55.317. Having fun in Time Only were Bob Bundy in his Miata (52.638), Glen Hernandez in his Miata (53.634) and Russell Hill in his Miata (59.902). However, rumor has it that Russ drove Glen's car on one of those runs.... There are lots of kudos for this event, so here we go: Dieter Beldi and Glen Hernandez got the third and eighth top indexed times of the day. For top unindexed times, Bob Bundy placed third (with his Open Street run), Nathan Provo placed fourth, Glen Hernandez placed fifth, Dieter Beldi placed ninth, and Bob Bundy placed 10<sup>th</sup> (his Time Only run). I think that is the most kudos ever!

With that comes to a close my final Sounder article. Over the past eleven years, I've made many friends and had a lot of fun. However, it is now time to move on. Best wishes to all of you.

## WWSCC Schedule/July

Go to [www.wwsc.org](http://www.wwsc.org) for more information

5	NWR/SCCA Solo Event #5	Bremerton Rcw
17	NWR/SCCA Solo Regional	Packwood
18	NWR/SCCA Solo Event #6	Packwood
24	WWSCC Coneheads Practice	Sanderson Fld
25	WWSCC Sports Car Spectacular	Sanderson Fld
31-Aug 1	SCCA Packwood ProSolo	Packwood



# 2010 Calendar

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

## 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..
- 17-18 Tour to Whistler for an overnight trip hosted by the Vancouver, BC Sea to Sky Miata Club, co-hosted by the Millars. Details coming soon!
- 24 Silverdale Whaling Days Parade
- 24 Deep Fried Turkey, hosted by McGranghans.
- 25 Chinatown Parade, evening in downtown Seattle. Your car will look great with a beautiful Chinese or Japanese princess in the back of it!
- 31 Garage Sale Run, hosted by Olsens. NEW DRIVE! Watch for details soon!

## August 2010

- 7 Great Northwest Gathering, hosted by PSMC Board.at Groit's in Tacoma. Join in for some fun prizes and good food and socializing with your Miata friends and others from clubs in the Northwest!
- 14 Lee Johnson Mazda, Show n Shine, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Capitalize on an opportunity to show off your car and enter to win a "People's Choice" prize for your car.
- 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.
- 18 **New!** First Annual Autumn Rallye, hosted by PSMC Board. This is a new gimmick rallye that will feature driving around the backroads of South King County. There will be prizes for winners plus door prizes and lunch!
- 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

## October 2010

- 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. Great chance to tour some backroads outside of Renton, followed by lunch and prizes for winners.

## 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.

**For Sale:** 1997 Mazda Miata. Montego Blue, 63,000 mi. Jackson parts: racing supercharger, racing boost timing control system, racing fuel management card,



racing header and exhaust, racing sway bars; Other parts: Track Dog racing supercharger belt tensioner, high flow fuel pump, Koni adjustable shocks, Flying

Miata strut tower brace, short shifter with aluminum shift knob, Hard Dog hard core roll bar, and braided brake lines. Features leather seats, new soft top in 2005, car stereo with Cd & ipod connection + headrest spkrs., white-faced dash guages, boost guage and air fuel gage, 17" wheels w/ low profile tires; 60,000 mile service already performed. Contact: [fitzglitz@gmail.com](mailto:fitzglitz@gmail.com).



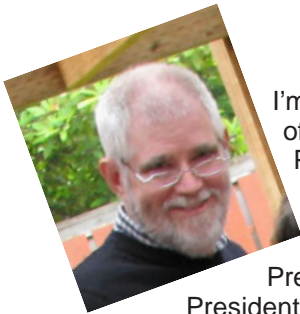
**For Sale:** 1990 Red Miata, good condition. Has a dent in the right front panel. Stored under cover most of the time. New shocks last year; new soft top and tires. \$3000. Contact Nathan at 1-877-753-9123 or on the web at [www.swan](http://www.swan)

[towninn.com](http://towninn.com).



# President's Message

by Mike Springer  
PSMC President



I'm going to begin my year with a few words of appreciation; Mindy Bohnas the outgoing Past President has been a tireless worker for the club's benefit, both behind the scenes well as in the various official duties she has performed. Our new Past President, Tom Millar has been an excellent

President pursuing new and important sources of funds for the club in the future. His contributions are inclusivity and team building, making the projects more likely to continue and grow.

This message will be part of the last issue of the Sounder to be edited by Charlotte Fellers. Her service to the club has been much appreciated and her skills as an editor have been pushed hard by articles written by terrible writers like myself. The job of Sounder Editor is in my estimation the most difficult position in our club. Some evidence of this is a team of three members who will try to fill her editorial shoes. Charlotte has also been a key member of the team putting together the **2010 PSMC First Annual Autumn Rallye**, which was initially her idea as a way to generate new funds into the club's coffers.

Another person who is wrapping up a long tenure of service to the club is Denise Williamson, who has written the Autocross column and taken photos for the Sounder for the past eleven years. Denise has been a faithful servant of the club and has also spent countless hours helping with and sometimes being in charge of, the annual Miatacross event a number of times over the years. Her contributions to the club's treasury as a fundraiser on Miatacross will always be appreciated. Add to that the time she has dedicated to photographing and writing her autocross articles each month, and the dedication is obvious.

*(Editor's Note: If there ever was a reporter who was faithful to deadlines and always came up with an article for her column, it was Denise. In the two-plus years I edited the Sounder, Denise never missed a deadline and was quick with photos or other items to help out with those odd spaces that sometimes pop up on our pages. Thank you from the editors you have worked with in the past 11 years, Denise. We all appreciated your hard work!)*

Looking to the future, our greatest need is to make a conscious effort to build membership. The first part is a poster to be placed in Mazda dealerships, which may generate interest in new Miata owners joining the club. The first draft was reviewed in our board meeting in June. Hopefully it will get into dealerships later this month. Another of our board members has volunteered to write a brochure to accompany the poster. Other ideas to help boost membership are welcome and encouraged from the membership.

The spectacular summer weather of the Northwest will (hopefully) be in full force this month. Check out the wide variety of events and activities on our calendar this month and next. I hope you will have the chance to mix and mingle with some of your fellow drivers this summer.

*Now, drop the top and carve some curves!*



## OFFICERS/DIRECTORS WEB COMMITTEE

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Operating \_\_\_\_\_ Mike Springer  
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Sounder Editor \_\_\_\_\_ Pam McGriff  
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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:

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