

# Miata Sounder



Newsletter of the Puget Sound Miata Club  
The First Miata Club in the USA!

## Red Wine, Chocolate and Whiskey, Too!

### Upcoming

When: Sunday, February 13, 10 a.m.

Where: Ruby's Diner, 13706 175 St, Woodinville, WA 98072

Hosts: Charlotte Fellers and Mindy Bohnas

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If you have a taste for chocolate and you enjoy sipping some red wine, then you'll enjoy the plan for this year's Red Wine, Chocolate and Whiskey, Too tour on Valentine's weekend.

This year's tour will be abbreviated, but as always, we'll start with a full stomach so you will be able to have a few harmless sips of wine during the day's events. We'll meet at Ruby's Diner on Main Street, across from Molbeck's Nursery (directions are at the end of this article) for brunch at 10 a.m. This is a themed '50's style diner with typical diner food and milkshakes.

From Ruby's we'll caravan down the street to Tefft Cellars, a boutique winery with its main tasting center in Outlook. They have offered to host the PSMC for a private tasting and have promised handmade truffles that feature one of their dessert wines as an ingredient. A newer whiskey shop two doors down from Tefft will be our next stop. They feature tastings and also have a retail shop at this stop.

With more than 40 wineries in the Woodinville area, we are planning to select two more wineries in the neighborhood that will feature chocolates on the Valentine's Day weekend menu. Details will be published on the website and we'll have a route map at the event. Please RSVP on the website.

#### Directions to Ruby's Diner:

From I-405 take exit 23 toward Woodinville/Wenatchee (US-2). Turn right onto 202 East (first right off the highway) onto 131<sup>st</sup> Ave. NE. Take the second left onto 175<sup>th</sup> St. Ruby's is down about a mile on the left side of the street.



13 Wine & Chocolate Tour



4 First Friday Formal



2 Nominating Meeting  
16 New Member Gathering  
25 Tulip Rally



**First Friday  
Formal,  
March 4<sup>th</sup>**



We will be returning to a favorite location: C.I. Shenanigans. Reservations are for 8.00 pm to give club members a way to avoid the rush hour traffic on I5. C.I. Shenanigans is a waterfront seafood and steak restaurant. Guests enjoy steaks, brilliant fresh seafood and other fine Northwest Cuisine. Choose from wines, signature martinis and cosmopolitans. There are expansive views of Commencement Bay and easy free parking either in the lot in front or across the street.

Please RSVP early I'll need an accurate head count by the weekend before.

Hosts, Mike & Lilly Springer, cell phone # 253-468-5291

**Directions:** The restaurant is located at 3917 Rustin Way, Tacoma phone: 253-752-8811

From I5 North or South bound take Exit #133 (Tacoma City Center) I-705 North, go 1.8 miles; Take the Schuster Pkwy. exit go 1.4 miles; stay in the left lane and stay on Schuster Pkwy. (at the first stop light the street becomes Ruston Way) continue thru the stop light for .9 miles and the restaurant is on the right.



**The Blue Time Machine**

*By John D. Boespflug  
AKA "The Wanderer"*

I'm getting younger; I'm reversing the clock and pushing it backwards.

I have now lost 43 pounds in 5 months. Now my arthritis doesn't bother me, and I don't have to take my pain pills. I've already had my triple bypass and had my eyes rebuilt with permanent lenses. 20-20 vision now!

I have all this new energy and everything works better now. I made up my own diet plan because the V.A. said that I had crossed over the borderline and was now officially a diabetic.

I now have it controlled with only diet into a normal range. The earth shaking secret is eat only one meal a day starting out and walk a whole lot more, cut out all sugar and drink only decaf. That's it! Oh, and eat smaller portions and eat healthier. I found out that you actually lose weight while you are sleeping! The down side is that you might start buying sports cars like me. For me, right now they are Miatas. I find that they make me happy – real simple!

So now I am riding my own personal time machine into the Past!

Found a good place for that one good meal day. St. Claire Hospital in Lakewood. Anyone can eat in their café and the food is really good and healthy. For \$5.25 you can have a choice of a main dish and two sides to go with it. And if you buy coffee you can also get a refill to take with you. The food is already cooked and ready to go. Best of all they also give you a free newspaper to go along with your food. And now they eve give an extra 20% discount off of the whole thing because I am a frequent eater!

There is a line in this song that goes:

List's bee good – Soo far, and it has!

A few words of wisdom: A mind once stretched with a new idea – never returns to its original dimensions. And I've been stretching the heck out of mine lately!

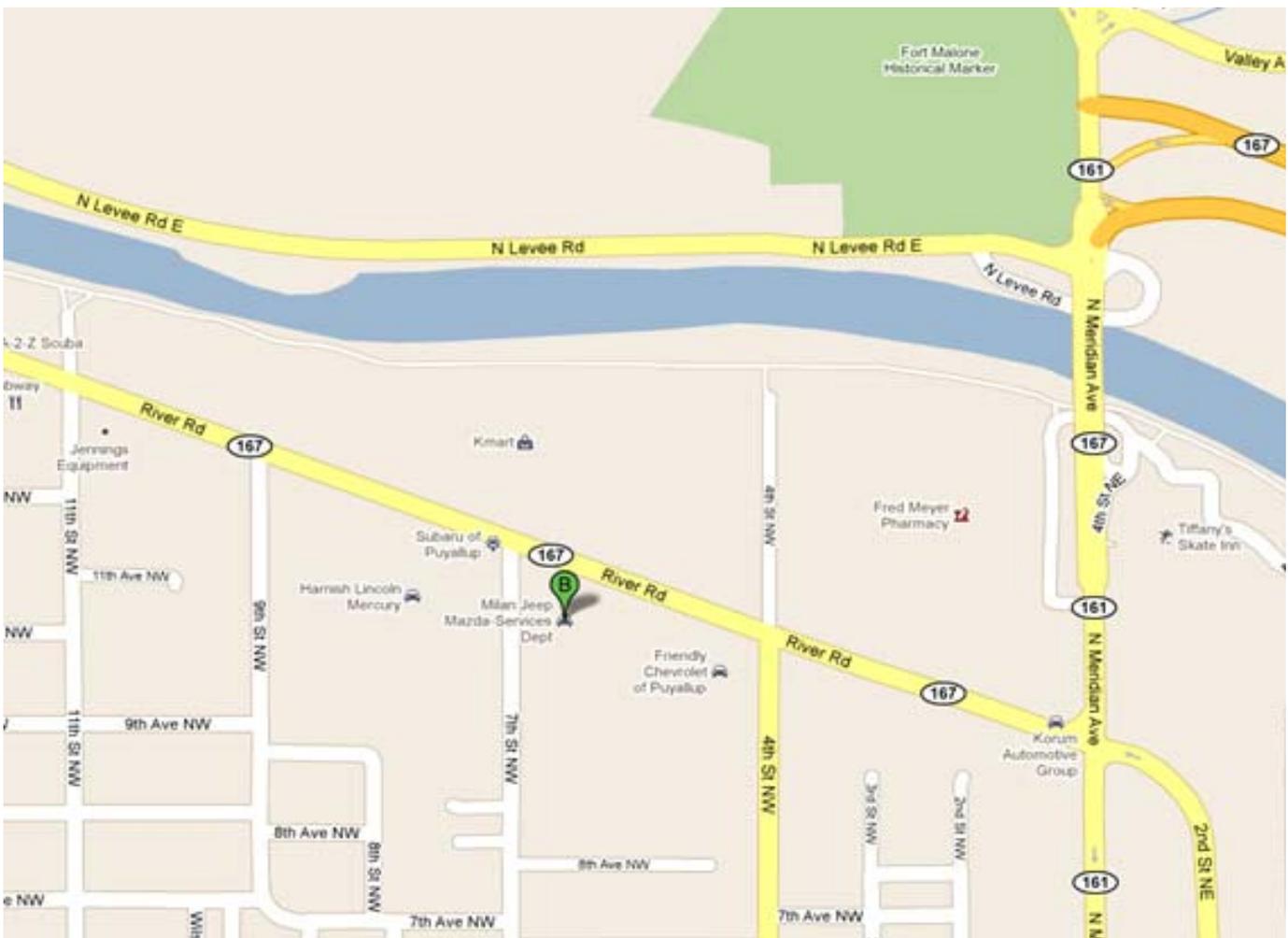
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## Nomination Meeting and Pot-Luck Brunch

To be held in the meeting room at Milam Jeep Mazda , 608 River Road, Puyallup, WA 98371-4153 phone number (253) 845-1766; April 2, '11. The gathering will begin at 11:00 am with a pot-luck brunch followed by a short meeting for the nomination committee to present a slate of nominees. Then nominations may be added from the floor by any PSMC member. Nomination from the floor may be made for a member not present, but please contact the person to be sure they are willing to serve.

The club will be replacing four Directors and President. The nominating committee members are Tom Millar, Allan Ohlsen, and Charlotte Fellers. If you are considering running please contact a committee member by email for an explanation of the duties of a Director. Each Director is elected for a year at a time with a maximum of three consecutive years.

Bring a simple lunch item to share and a beverage for yourself, and RSVP at the PSMC website.



Directions: starting from I5 North or Southbound

Take Exit #135 River Road to Puyallup, drive approximately 5.7 miles. Make a right turn at 7<sup>th</sup> Street NW (the dealership is on the corner of River Road & 7<sup>th</sup> Street NW) make a left turn at the first drive way and look for a club representative who will direct you where to park.

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## club stuff

# **we need some new board members!**

Nominations for the PSMC Board of Directors are now open and new board members are being recruited.

When new board members take over in June, the board will say farewell to Chris Stollery, Pam McGriff, Charlotte Fellers, Allan Ohlsen and Brian Louderbeck, all of whom have served the club faithfully for several years. Additionally, Mike Springer will complete his second turn at the president's helm, and Tom Millar will go off the board as a past president.

"It has become clear that we need to recruit some different people to pump new life into the club," Mike Springer said. He notes that board members who are on the board now and those who have served in the past need a break. When the board met for the winter planning and board meeting in January, it was clear that many outgoing board members are just ready for a well-deserved rest.

So please, if you are a member of this club, think about what that means. Do you want the club to stay fun and vibrant and continue to be a viable organization? Do you want this club to continue to provide you with friendships and fun activities in the coming months? Then step up and be a more active person in the club by volunteering to be on the board and taking an active role in the club's business.

Board members do have responsibilities but there are some fun times, too. Currently the club meets a minimum of four times a year and two of those meetings are combined with planning the annual calendar (November and January). It's up to the board to make sure we have current insurance premiums paid up and that we are complying with our insurance rules so we are covered in case of an injury during an event. The bylaws require that the board hosts a few events each year, such as the annual Gathering, scheduled for August 11 this year.

The board often sponsors additional events, such as fund raisers so the club can provide more fun activities for its members. Many of you may recall the wonderful 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party hosted by the PSMC Board last year in January as a celebration of the PSMC being the first-ever Miata club formed in the United States. Events such as these are hosted as a no-profit event, meant only for the enjoyment of the club members who choose to participate. In the past the club has hosted the Miatacross, an autocross event, which has sustained the club's treasury for many years. But the board has shifted to a new fund raiser, the Autumn Rallye and Poker Run, as a way to generate funds to sustain the organization. (By the way, mark your calendars for October 8 and plan to attend this great event and help the board raise some funds for the club).

Regardless of the event, the board needs members to help plan and orchestrate them. Nothing happens by itself, including the operation of the club. Do you enjoy getting the Sounder regularly? The board works hard to recruit people to publish the newsletter and it's a job that is one of the most difficult to fill. Why not step up and offer to help out more?

A club is only as good as the members who belong to it! To offer yourself as a board member, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee: Mindy Bohnas, 360-895-0931, Tom Millar, 206-390-3469, or Charlotte Fellers, 253-333-7442, to submit your name. The board's next meeting to fill the ballot with nominations is April 2.



## **Board Members**

# 2011 Calendar

## February 2011

13 Wine & Chocolate Tour

## March 2011

4 First Friday Formal - Springer

## April 2011

2 Nominating Meeting

16 New Member Gathering - Ohlsen

23 Tulip Rally

## May 2011

6 First Friday Formal -Ohlsen.

14 Detailin' Day

27-29 Okanagan Run

29 Memorial Day Island Honor - Mott

## June 2011

4 Shelton Parade

11 Elections -Dee & Duncan

18 Garage Sale Drive - Olsen

29 Meet n' Greet - Fellers -Big Daddy's Auburn

## July 2011

2-4 Historics - Springer

9-10 Whistler Run - Sea to Sky Club

15-17 Explore Oregon Tour - Dee & Duncan

17 Opel Car Show

23 Silverdale Parade

24 Chinatown Parade - Bell

## August 2011

6 Mt. Baker Run - Bell

10 Meet 'n Greet - Duncan

13 Flumerfelt Fling - Newsom

20 The Gathering - Board

## September 2011

10-11 Peninsula Tour - Millar

17 Sunset Auto Run - Ohlsen

25 North Cascade Run

## October 2011

1 Corn Maze - Millar

8 Autumn Ralleye - Fellers

29 Halloween Party - McGriff

31 Bremerton Safe Trick or Treat

## November

5 Planning Meeting

## December 2011

10 Open House - Fellers

## *New Faces*

Bruce Schmitt                      07 Stormy Blue Mica

John Morris                         99 Sapphire

*Hi, hope to see you at an event soon!*



## President's Message

by Mike Springer  
PSMC President

The most difficult part of serving as your club president is writing this message. There are club members whose articles I read with pleasure — they are so well written. If I could just draw the message, it would be much better! So I appreciate your patience with my ramblings... at least no one has complained yet.

The important club event on the calendar is the Nominating Meeting on April 2. It is important for the health of the club to keep a flow of new Directors serving on the board. The strength of the club is the broad range of activities we support, directly and as a portal for information about other options. New Directors add different ideas, bring energy and enthusiasm.

Club Directors are elected for a year at a time, are expected to attend board meetings and help with the major club events. I'd like each of you to consider serving if not now in the future.

## Familiar Faces

Name	car	years
Maury Fugit and Sandy McKnight	96 Red	7
Bill Read	93 Black LE	17
Mark & Deanna Morel	91 White	2
Chris Stollery	01 Crystal Blue	8
Shelly and Betty Muir	95 Merlot	13
Vic Snyder	91 BRG	11
Dawn and Jay Mercer	94 Red	5
Dennis & Nellie Butterfield	90 White	6
Dave and Vicki Nelson	92 Mariner Blue	17
Thomas & Cindy Millar	01 BRG	6
Bill Bell	10 Dark Blue	4
Jeanne and Dave Field	99 Sapphire	9



## OFFICERS/DIRECTORS WEB COMMITTEE

### Chief Officers

Operating .....	Mike Springer
Executive .....	Tom Millar
Communications .....	AJ McGranaghan
Financial .....	Sean McGriff

### Directors at Large

Tom Mackey	Tommy Gores	Pam McGriff
Chris Stollery	Charlotte Fellers	Sean McGriff
Brian Louderback	Mindy Bonhas	Frank Shriver
Cindy Millar	Allen Ohlsen	

### Appointed Positions

Insurance Coordinator .....	Dan White
Data Coordinator .....	Sean McGriff
Parade Coordinator .....	Open Position
Souther Editor .....	Pam McGriff
Webmaster .....	Nathan Allan

### Web Committee

Webmaster/EIO .....	Nathan Allan
Assistant Webmaster .....	Mindy Bonhas
Classified Ads/Specialty Programmer .....	John Young
Special Graphics .....	Mike Springer

## 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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## *Have an article for the Sounder?*

Remember these tip if you would like to submit an article:  
--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.  
--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 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*

*Mazda of Everett (425) 353-3403*

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

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