

# Miata Sounder



The Oldest Miata Club in the United States

July 2011

## Crystal Mountain offers views, vistas this month

This is a new ride that was added to the calendar late, so don't forget about it! You'll be glad you joined us for this beautiful climb to Crystal Mountain Ski Resort for some fun, food and great scenery.

To start off with first, due credit has to go to my copilot/spousal unit, (and the brains behind this operation) Vickie McGranaghan, for conjuring up this idea/event.

The day will start off with lunch at the ski resort. Check this website for details on the Summit House and their menu for summer:

<http://www.crystalmountainresort.com/Summer-Activities/Summit-House>

This will involve a gondola ride, which offers a scenic climb on the Mt. Rainier Gondola over meadows of wildflowers and mountain streams to the summit of Crystal Mountain. Once you reach the top you'll find a breathtaking view of Mount Rainier and the Cascade Range along with the Summit House – the highest restaurant in Washington!

The Summit House Restaurant is perched at the top of the mountain at 6,872' and is accessed by the Mt. Rainier Gondola.

*Rates for the Gondola ride to the top range from \$15 to \$20 per person, round trip, so bring cash for that expense.*

The Summit House lunch menu offers a wide range of items from homemade soups and fresh salads to seafood and steak & fries. Reservations are strongly recommended (360) 663-3085. Walk-ins are welcome but space is subject to availability. Hours: 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (last seating 2:30 p.m.)

If you choose not to participate in the lunch but still care to ride the gondola for the spectacular that's fine too.

We'll assemble at [The Old Cannery Furniture Warehouse and Fudge Factory](#) at 13608 Valley Ave E # A Sumner, WA 98390-1535 (253) 863-0422 at 9:00 a.m. on the July 30, 2011. We will proceed out of Sumner and eventually travel via Highway 410 up to the parking lot of Crystal Mountain where we estimate arrival around 10:30 a.m. If you've never taken the last seven miles up to Crystal Mountain it will be a Miataphiles delight.

After a short walk from the Crystal Mountain parking lot to the gondola you will be delighted by the scenic 10 minute ride to the Sum-

mit House. Please make your own lunch reservations by calling them at (360) 663-3085.

Bring your driving gloves, cameras and your appetite, because with a lit'l bit of luck the mountain will be in view. If you've never been skiing at Crystal and the weather cooperates,

Mt. Rainier will offer a different perspective and view that is rare.

After our time at the summit allowing adequate time for digestion and pictures we can discuss a couple of different options for our departure off the mountain and back to our start point.



**When: July 30, @8:30 a.m.**

**Hosts: AJ & Vicky McGranahan**

**Contact: [McGranaghan@msn.com](mailto:McGranaghan@msn.com)**

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## Alice Lake drive involves Canadian counterparts

Once again we will be teaming up with the Sea to Sky Miata Club to participate in their Alice Lake Run. Last year the weather and fellowship were equally splendid and we're anticipating similar conditions this year. We have scheduled the ride a bit earlier this year. Once again we will be teaming up with the Sea to Sky Miata Club to participate. Once again we will be teaming up with the Sea to Sky Miata Club to participate iso we do not compete with the Oregon tour. Some of us may go up on Friday to enjoy Whistler for an additional day. Let me know if you would like to join the group leaving on Saturday. For those leaving on Saturday morning, the meeting point will be in the Safeway parking lot, exit 206 off I-5, on the east side of the freeway, at 7:00 a.m. After a brief driver's meeting we will hit the road at approximately 7:15. On the north end of Bellingham we will peel off and take the Guide Meridian to the Sumas border crossing. We will then proceed up Canadian Highway One to rendezvous with the Sea to Sky Miata folks. Our early start time will allow us to clear the border in Blaine in time to enjoy breakfast or at least a stop at Starbucks. **Participants need to have a passport when crossing the U.S./Canadian border.** Our meeting place with our Canadian friend will be in North Vancouver, at Westview Shopping Centre at 10:00am for a 10:30am departure. This center is in a strip malls, so it's worth noting there's a McDonalds, Esso gas station, a Safeway Grocery store, and a big parking lot. The address is: 2601 Westview Dr, North Vancouver, BC, V7N3X3. Just take exit 17 off HWY-1, the centre is right on the side of the HWY. In conversation with our Canadian counterparts this is a very nice ride and we are in for a treat. Here is a synopsis of the ride

according to our Sea to Sky Miata Club contact:

*"This run is about 2.5 hours of driving through some very spectacular roads and scenery. We will meet at 10.00 am for 10.30 am departure in North Vancouver at Westview Shopping Centre, just off Highway 1 (exit 17). We drive Highways 1 & 99 to Alice Lake, about 1.5 hours drive, stopping just before the lake to pick up a picnic lunch. Alice Lake is very pretty, with lots of picnic tables, although many of us take fold up chairs. We usually hike around the lake (optional!) about a half hour stroll. It being a Provincial park, one has to pay for parking, \$2 Can. I seem to remember. Then it will be on to Whistler, about a one hour drive. We should arrive in Whistler about 3.30 pm."*

Since it does involve a picnic, participants are advised to pack a lunch, or you can pick up a lunch along the way. As per the write up, the ride concludes in Whistler where we will be spending the night. There are many hotel options available and you are urged to seek your own accommodations. Cindy and I will be staying the Hilton. I would also suggest that you make hotel reservation plenty of time in advance to ensure best availability and pricing. We will decide on a mutually acceptable place for dinner once we are there. On Sunday morning, the plan is to return home around mid morning. We hope you will join us on this delightful ride with our Canadian counterparts!

**When: July 9 start @ 7:00 a.m.**

**Where: Exit #206 off I-5**

**Hosts: Tom Millar**

**Contact: Thomas.millar@yahoo.com or**

**Cell: 425-623-8181**

# Two lanes to Oregon kicks off Oregon tour

Are you planning on attending the annual "Explore Oregon" weekend in Salem this year? Hosted by the Willamette Valley Miata club, our friends to the south have some great fun trips planned and a fabulous hotel lined up for this year's event.

Additionally, a pre-run has been organized for the drive down to Oregon. This will be a one-day back roads cruise at leisurely speed from Puyallup, USA, to Willamette Valley Miata Club's big Explore Oregon 2011 meet in Silverton, Oregon. We'll head south exploring newly-found two-lane blacktop east of I-5, then zig southwest to cross the Columbia River at Longview. After a brewpub-type lunch the route will revisit some favorite twisties (and a few new roads) in the hills of NW Oregon, finally cutting southeast across the Willamette Valley to Silverton. We'll arrive in time for the opening afternoon's socializing.

Leave from: Shari's Restaurant parking lot (between Shari's, Chevron, & Albertson's) on Canyon Road just off Freeway 512, between Puyallup and Tacoma. Meet at 8:00 AM and leave promptly at 8:30 AM. Hosts' cell phone 253-861-4554 (at event start only, no coverage at our

house.) The early start is because this will be a long day's run (200+ miles) on back roads.

Directions to start: Set your GPS to find 10904 Canyon Rd. E, Puyallup WA 98373. For the cyber-challenged, take exit 127 off I-5 in South Tacoma onto SR 512 eastbound toward Puyallup. After about 6 miles exit onto Canyon Road. Right at end of ramp toward Frederickson, and Shari's will be immediately on your right. If you live between about Olympia and Portland, e-mail or call the hosts in advance and they'll give you a local meet-up point along the course, so you don't have to double back so much.

Please RSVP on our club web site so hosts know who's coming on the road tour, and if your plans change, please notify the hosts promptly.

NOTE WELL: You must sign up in advance direct with WVMC to attend the actual meet. See their web site at: <http://www.oregonmx5.com/> You must also make your own reservations at the host hotel; for details see: <http://www.moonstonehotels.com/Oregon-Garden-Resort.htm>



*Pre-Run Hosts: Dee Dahlke & Duncan Johnson*

*Contact: 253.845.2424*

*ToadHallWa@yahoo.com*

## Printing and mailing this newsletter costs \$\$

A discussion regarding the costs for printing and mailing club newsletters occurred during the recent quarterly PSMC meeting. A report from the treasurer showed that it costs the club around \$1.00 each to print and \$1.00 each to mail each copy of the newsletter. The overwhelming majority of the members choose to receive their newsletter electronically, which costs the club nothing.

Members present pointed out that each member choosing hard copy diverted close to \$18.00 of their dues towards print and postage, leaving only \$12.00 to go towards the other costs associated with running the club.

The BOD was ready to vote to eliminate hard copy newsletters, **but YrObdntSrvnt intervened**, stating that I did not want to lose members, and I would write something in the newsletter.

I encourage those of you still receiving hard copy to switch to electronic delivery if at all possible. If you cannot, please write or call me and let me know why you cannot; maybe we can find another way, especially if we can get the numbers low enough.

I would like to retain all our members. I would also like to go to 100% electronic delivery.

We are looking at charging members who request hard copy an additional fee. Please contact me with your thoughts and concerns.

Most respectfully,

-T [tom.mackey@gmail.com](mailto:tom.mackey@gmail.com)

206-276-9945

## 2011 Opel GT 20th Anniversary Car Show

**July 23rd** from 10 am to 4pm  
at Carrs Restaurant,  
11006 Bridgeport Way  
SW, Lakewood, WA  
98499 (253) 584-4688

Exit 125 off I-5. Carrs  
is on the left about 1/2  
mile down.

Questions?

**Call John Boespflug**

**253-581-5372**



## FLUMERFELT FLING 2011

Well, doesn't that take all! I (Keith) was sure I had written an article about this run and sent it to both the Sounder and the website. Nope. I can't find one anywhere, or any trace I might have sent it. Must have been last year's run. Sigh – you just can't get good help anymore.

In any case, on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> we're leading the Flumerfelt Fling, based somewhat on the run we did several years ago. The format is the ever-popular drive-eat-drive, consisting of driving fun back roads, eating a great lunch at Mary McCrank's, driving some more fun

back roads, and ending in Tumwater about 4 pm.

Come with your gas tank full. A good place to buy is at the 76 station at I-5 exit 119 (DuPont-Steilacoom Rd.).

We'll meet in the lot on the east side of Olympia Farmers Market at the foot of Capitol Way, Olympia. The simplest way to get there from I-5 southbound is to take exit 105A onto 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, go through the tunnel, turn right onto Capitol Way, go to the roundabout at the foot of Capitol, turn half-right, turn left into the lot, and look for Miatas.

There are toilets at the market.

We want to depart at 10 am sharp. We'll monitor CB channel 10 for lost souls.

If you have any questions, hang onto them until we get back from Jolly Olde England and Wales. We'll be back July 21<sup>st</sup>.

Gayle and Keith Newsom  
(360) 943-8521

## Upcoming Events — Something for Everyone!

### August 2011

6 STSMC Friends Across The Border run to Mt. Baker. PSMC meet 7 AM at Safeway, exit 206 off I-5, east side of freeway. Host: Millar [Millar-Thomas@aramark.com](mailto:Millar-Thomas@aramark.com)

7 PSMC Flumerfelt Fling, Chehalis. Time: Saturday August 13th @ 9:00 a.m. Hosts: Gayle and Keith Newsom

7 LeMay -- America's Car Museum 2011 Collector Car Showcase (judged show) 8AM, at Fife. Info: <http://www.lemaymuseum.org/>

10 PSMC Meet-n-Greet at Pick-Quick Drive-In, Fife. 6 PM. Hosts: Dee & Duncan [ToadHallWA@yahoo.com](mailto:ToadHallWA@yahoo.com)

20 PSMC Great Northwest Gathering. Host: PSMC Board [editorcharlotte@gmail.com](mailto:editorcharlotte@gmail.com)

27 PSMC Spot That Thing run, 10 AM. Host: Charlotte Fellers [editorcharlotte@gmail.com](mailto:editorcharlotte@gmail.com)

27 LeMay Family Collection 34th annual Open House, at Spanaway, 9AM. Info: <http://www.lemaymarymount.org/>

### September 2011

4 PSMC Road Tour to "Come And Play On Labor Day" Parade, South Bend, Wash. Meet for breakfast in Centralia, 8 AM. Hosts: Dee & Duncan [ToadHallWA@yahoo.com](mailto:ToadHallWA@yahoo.com)

9-10-11 PSMC Escape to Red Mountain wine tour. North Bend, 9AM. Hosts: Houghton, Jaegar, Millar. [houghrl@comcast.net](mailto:houghrl@comcast.net)

17 PSMC Sunset Trail tour. Time/place TBD, Host: Ohlsens \_\_\_\_\_

24 PSMC Leavenworth Autumn Leaf Festival parade (tentative).

Time/place/host \_\_\_\_\_

25 PSMC North Cascades Run (tentative) Time/place/host \_\_\_\_\_

### October 2011

1 PSMC Corn Maze Run IV, this time in the north end. Host Charlotte Fellers [editorcharlotte@gmail.com](mailto:editorcharlotte@gmail.com)

8 PSMC second Autumn Rally, location TBD, host PSMC Board [editorcharlotte@gmail.com](mailto:editorcharlotte@gmail.com)

10-11 PSMC Olympic Peninsula Lite tour. Time/place TBD. Hosts: Millars [Millar-Thomas@aramark.com](mailto:Millar-Thomas@aramark.com)

29 PSMC Halloween Party, Renton. Hosts: McGriffs. [psmhome@comcast.net](mailto:psmhome@comcast.net)

31 Bremerton Safe Trick-or-Treat, 5PM. Host: Mindy [fun4sun@wavecable.com](mailto:fun4sun@wavecable.com)

**Note: Watch the PSMC website for the latest and sometimes changing information**

Meet-n-Greet at Historic Pick-Quick Drive-In  
 4306 Pacific Highway E., Fife, WA 98424  
 Weds. Aug. 10, 6:00 PM

Hosts: Dee Dahlke & Duncan Johnson, phone 253-845-2424  
 e-mail [ToadHallWA@yahoo.com](mailto:ToadHallWA@yahoo.com)

Shine up your Miata and join us as PSMC cruises in at the Pick Quick, a classic roadside food stand from the great days of the old US 99 Pacific Highway (Google the place and check the reviews.) Now totally surrounded by urban sprawl, it still features "slow food" like hamburgers, fries, and amazing milkshakes. Cash only! No alcohol. You order at the window, then eat at a picnic table under giant old trees (and birds.) There is no agenda or business or competition at a PSMC Eat-n-Greet! Just a group of cool cars and their humans getting together for fun.

to take care of those duties at other nearby facilities. In the unlikely event of rain

some other local establishment with an interior. Directions for the GPS-

coma Rd.) Go toward the port, then at the first traffic light beyond the freeway interchange turn right (east) on Pacific Highway northbound. Go 0.8 miles, and just past the Nissan dealer and the signal at Alexander Ave., Pick Quick will be on your right.

No RSVP necessary; "just do it."



Notes: Since this is a seasonal stand there are no public restrooms; you'll have

we'll still meet at Pick Quick, but we can then re-group at

challenged: From I-5 in Fife, take Exit 136 (Port of Ta-

Sunday September 4:  
 Road Tour to "Come And Play On Labor Day" Parade  
 South Bend, Wash.

Hosts: Dee Dahlke & Duncan Johnson, home phone 253-845-2424  
 or e-mail [ToadHallWa@yahoo.com](mailto:ToadHallWa@yahoo.com)

Meet for breakfast at 8:00 AM at Country Cousin restaurant, 1054 Harrison Ave., Centralia, WA 98531 (Restaurant phone: 360.736.2200.) Take Exit 82 off I-5 (Harrison Ave. - the outlet malls exit,) go west about a block on Harrison, and Country Cousin is immediately on your right. Gas is available at this location but it is always su-

per-expensive, so we suggest you fuel up in advance.

Leave on the road tour to South Bend promptly at 9:15

AM for a back roads cruise of about 75 miles, pieced together from our favorite segments from several past

runs. We'll arrive in South Bend around noon, parade starts 1:00 PM. If you and your sports car will be at the ocean beaches for the weekend, feel free to meet up with the rest of your club in the parade staging area. There will be the traditional "drop in" fish fry at Rosa's brother's place in Raymond after the parade (we think.)



## Past Events

### Young ladies enjoying their Miata ride in the Viking Fest Parade



**PSMC Members at the Aisle of Honor, Memorial Day, 2011**

### PSMC Does The OVMC Topless Sun Run 2011

*By Dee Dahlke ('99 silver "Road Dancer") and Duncan Johnson*

The "Topless Sun Run" was kind of a stealth event this year, as Okanagan Valley Miata Club kept the publicity limited, holding the event to a manageable size. Nonetheless, our club managed to send six Miatas to Kelowna, B.C. over Memorial Day (USA) weekend to participate. Beside your reporters, the attenders included Sandy McKnight & Maury Fugitt, Vickie & A.J. McGranaghan, Emily & Larry Muir with guests Karen & Marvin Muir, and Bev & Fred Rudd. Because of varying starting locations and times there was no massive club run to Canada. Our own drive started Thursday as more of a "sunless top run" through the Snoqualmie Pass spring slop, but after a fuel stop in Wenatchee the top came down for the run upriver to Omak. There Sandy & Maury motored into the hotel parking lot minutes behind us, and we all enjoyed an amazing dinner at the

Breadline Cafe, which features a "bread bar" from their own bakery instead of the traditional salad bar. The curious may check out <http://www.breadlinecafe.com>



**Sandy & Dee at the "bread bar" in Omak**

We had most of Friday to get to Kelowna, so "Road Dancer" and "Curve Hugger" opted to dodge the RV "whale migrations" by taking the backmost back roads, leaving highway 97 before Tonasket and cruising northwesterly through the greater Loomis metropolitan complex (one store, no Lotto tickets,) slaloming through a herd of range cattle in the road, even taking a look at the ghost town of Nighthawk before entering Canada at Chopaka. Then it was east on highway 3 through the oh-so-touristy city of Osoyoos, and we twisted our way up through the hills, warming up the driving gloves for the actual meet. The

final leg was a long lonely pull up highway 33, pausing briefly in Beaverdell to gaze at the ruins of their recently-burned-down 1901 hotel. The fire is suspicious and the loss of that fun little joint is a real shame. We found the official event hotel in Kelowna, picked up our official meet materials and had the official photo op, then set to work cleaning our roadster at the official multi-car detailing station provided by the host club (nice touch there.) For dinner the local Mazda dealer



**Cruising the Westside Highway**

(Kelowna Motors, in business since 1945) hosted a hamburger and hot dog cookout with all the trimmings and everyone mixed and mingled among the Mazdas. Some test drives were taken; perhaps some sales ensued. There were ninety-seven (yes, 97) MX-5/ Miatas attending the meet, evenly split among the 3 generations, so the size



**Ghost town of Nighthawk, Wash**

of the crowd was “just right.” As were everyone’s opinions about which generation was most desirable.

Saturday morning all the Miatas headed out on the main event, the North Okanagan Tour, a 143-km road run up the west side of Okanagan Lake to lunch at the Riverfront Pub in the village of Grindrod. There is only one road out of town over thataway, the West Side Highway, and it has some of the most thrilling features of the Beartooth Highway in Montana and the Old Blewett Pass Highway here in Washington, namely a thousand foot dropoff to the lake, no guardrails, and sections of crumbling pavement that could launch the inattentive right over the edge. Not recommended for texting -while-driving! This navigator also had the pleasure of looking down at the topside of some big hawk riding the thermals. Heck of a visual effect. Speaking of birds, Maury-n-Sandy’s windshield got bombed by an eagle or similar size flying creature (maybe a B-52,) which rendered the passenger side opaque, missed the occupants but splattered the rollbar, and also coated the trunk lid. At least it didn’t go in the grille, because then it would have “hit the fan,” literally. Everyone made a pit stop and photo op in Fintry Provincial Park, and after we reached the end of West Side Highway the tour segued into a whole bunch of excellent sports car roads (one was named Corkscrew Road, we kid you not) which would have made a challenging competition rally on their own, just delete the turn mileages and road names.



#### The invasion of Fintry Provincial Park

The pub had the lunch buffet (complete with home made soups) ready-to-rumble when we pulled in, and we had our choice of picnic tables or interior seating. See <http://www.riverfrontpub.ca/> After lunch was a free return to Kelowna; we went di-

rectly down highway 97, unexplored territory for this team. We note with pleasure certain aspects of this day’s tour: There were detailed route instructions so nobody could get lost, the leader maintained a conservative pace and the 97 cars didn’t get too spread out, and approaching critical turns a local OVMC car would leap ahead and stop, waving a big arrow-shaped “Miata” sign that pointed which way to go. Nicely done! Saturday night was the big dinner party at the hotel, and all the socializing was complete with Mazda Canada manufacturer’s representatives and dealer support as well. Tell THAT to some competing sports car marques! Your reporters did not win any prizes in the drawings, our usual position. However, there were souvenir water goblets for everyone to take home (actually big wine glasses attractively engraved for this meet.)

Sunday morning after the farewell breakfast we had three 33-km cruises through East Kelowna, with staggered starts so there wouldn’t be a big jam of cars on the local roads. Kelowna is a *very* pretty city-on-the-lake, and the eastern suburbs are a nice mix of agribusiness (many grapevines, fruit orchards and horse ranches) and Gentleman Farmers’ new mega-estates. (“Gentleman farmer” means someone who couldn’t grow dandelions without professional help.) The roads are narrow, twisty, and frequently steep uphill and down, just perfect for a small sports car, even at a leisurely Sunday Morning cruising speed. With the meet over, “Road Dancer” took the scenic route home, to engage in some enthusiastic mountain driving in southeast British Columbia, where traffic was next to nonexistent. Follow along on your map now, and pretend you’re using the heck out of your Miata gears to stay in the power band uphill and control speed downhill, while taking corners on the door handles. We retraced highway 33 to Rock Creek, then east on highway 3 to lunch in Grand Forks at the Station Pub in ye olde railway depot. Then it was up past Christina Lake and over Bonanza Pass (1535 m., over 5000 feet) and south on 3B over Strawberry Pass (similar altitude,) to Rossland, then a plunging corkscrew down into Trail where we stopped for the night. These little

towns are just full of history relating to logging, mining, and smelting if you are so inclined.

Next day, after loading up on bread at one of three interesting local bakeries we went east to Salmo, then south to re-enter Washington above Metaline Falls. The customs agent was pleasant, but very thorough and official, even checking our Miata’s trunk, which had been packed “like putting your toothpaste back into the tube,” so he didn’t try to dig very deep. Along here we dodged two herds of deer in the road, and then got to watch a big black bear nibbling on greens right there at the roadside. (“Hey, stop for a photo, dear, but don’t take the car out of gear, willya?”) Other wildlife sightings included wild turkeys and a speedy weasel-like thing we believe was a Marten. After lunch with friends in the near-ghost town of Lone, we twisted west on SR 20 (the eastern continuation of the North Cascades Highway) over Sherman Pass (5575 feet) where we had to motor through a mix of rain, splatty snow, and small hail or big sleet which put “marbles” all over the road, wheel! Later it was over Wauconda Summit (4310 feet) to Tonasket, then south to Wenatchee where we passed the final night in a world-class lightning storm and downpour. Home the next day without incident (if you can call negotiating around the crumbling pavement on westbound I-90 normal).

So what does all this “less is more” road-running prove in these troubled times? Simply that a couple of hundred true believers are keeping Sports Motoring alive and well on the country roads of two great nations, and we know 97 little roadsters that love every mile.



Just your average roadside citizen

## *Familiar Faces*

<i>Name</i>	<i>Car</i>	<i>Membership Yrs</i>
Jim & Peggy Giffin	02 Crystal Blue	2
Judy and Wright Krause	99 Green	9
Thom & Judy Rohm	99 Midnight Blue	5
Chris & Patty Johnson	00 Silver	9
Dan Jack	95 Laguna Blue	3
George and Sandra Swayze	99 Blue Mica	11
Joy Maxion	03 Emerald Green	3
Lois & Don Herbert	02 Midnight Blue	8
Dick & Gail Hankinson	07 Galaxy Grey	4
Dale and Charlene Sain	95 Merlot	15
Paul Jacobsen	08 Copper Red Mica	5
A.J. and Vickie McGranaghan	04 Silver	7
Russell & Deborah Hill	91 Red	5
Bruce and Kathy Gustafson	97 Black	7
John Conn	92 Sunburst	3
Clifford Butler & Elaine Gregory	02 Red	4
Deanne Denholme	04 Red	4
Jean Zeman & Tod Witzel	03 Silver	7
Darrel & Terry McKinley	91 Red	1
Don Bojarski & Bill Aycock	00 Mahogany Mica	11
Rich & Trish Blake	94 Black	4
Gayle Lazur	01 Black ML320	15
Suzanne & Raymond Gardner	06 Red	7
Vicki & Judy Burr-Chellin	01 BRG	5
Michael and Lillian Springer	99 Black	13
Terry & Mike Shannon	92 Sunflowr Yellow	18
David & Vickie Olson	02 Titanium	6
Sophia McSherry	08 Highland Green	10
Jim & Mary Ehrmin	95 Montego	5
Mark Weber	99 Black	1
Sean Griffin	92 Black	1
John and Patricia Parker	08 Stormy Blue	8
Jeff & Patti Johnson	99 Silver	7

## *New Faces*

<i>Name</i>	<i>Car</i>
Marilyn Toth	93 Red
Steven Younger	94 Black
Irene Wharton	06 Red
Charles & Hilary Klein	11 Dolphin Gray
Michael Peterson	00 Silver
Leon Mullis	03 Titanium
Michael Peterson	00 Silver
Leon Mullis	03 Titanium
Robyn Spady	08 Copper Red

*Please join us for a run real soon!*

### **Editor's Message**

*By Tom Mackey*



It's been a busy month here — my second month as editor, and the second new tool I've struggled with. As Charlotte mentions on the last page, we've decided to move away from Pagemaker and on to MS Publisher for a number of reasons. I never learned Pagemaker well enough to do an honest comparison, but I must say that Publisher feels more natural — most of what I've tried to do follows the rest of the MS Office Suite, whereas Pagemaker marches to a different tune.

I spent most of this month working on a garage attic flooring project in preparation for a kitchen remodel. The stove vent passes thru the attic and needs to be increased from 6" to 8", so I needed to shuffle our Christmas and Halloween decorations around and provide a place to stand

while working on the vent. It seemed a good time to just floor the entire space; you know how that goes! Thus, the newsletter is late, again. The goal is to have it done a week early next month. We'll see how that goes.

I want to thank Pam and Sean for their help in the turn over. Charlotte, a special thanks for doing the initial template in MS Publisher. And Dee and Duncan, thanks for correcting the dates for the August thru October events.

And of course, without the input from the event coordinators, we would have nothing much to say. Thanks for all they do and the great places they take us.

Until next month, keep the revs up, the top down, and don't feed the bears! -T

# President's Message

BY CHARLOTTE FELLERS

WE HAD elections in June, and I'm now officially the new President. I'm looking forward to a year of exciting drives and communing with my fellow PSMC members!

I thought I'd introduce myself in case you haven't already met me. I edited the Sounder for two years, when I was able to connect with a lot of you to compile the newsletter. I've served on the Miata board for the past four years and have interacted with some terrific people. Many of them continue to serve in various capacities, including our volunteers who serve on the board and in appointed positions. I hope you will thank them personally when you see them this year. They are the glue that holds the club together.

In my work life, I am a part-time faculty member at Green River Community College and Highline Community College. Between the two, I am pretty busy with teaching communication classes year-round. I find teaching adults to be extremely rewarding (and sometimes frustrating). I also hold a teaching certificate for the state of Washington. I used to teach high school and middle school. However, I think I've found my place in the world as a college instructor.

I have what many would accurately call a "beater car." It's a 1990 White, manufactured in August, 1989, so it's actually an original Miata. I don't know who had it before I bought it six years ago from my brother in Kansas. He had it in a garage for two years before I got it, but for the first 10 or so years, I think it had a lot of wear and tear on it. Fortunately, Coop's Miata keeps it running like a top. Thanks, Coop! If we ever get sunshine this summer, once again, I'll be glad I own a Miata.



My daily driver is not the Miata, it's a Prizm (also a great car).

We have several great drives coming up in July. First up is the overnight drive to Whistler that is co-hosted by our own Tom Millar along with the folks at Sea to Sky Miata Club in Vancouver, B.C. This is the second year for this drive and should result in some good fun and great scenery. Look for details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Another fun drive this month is the pre-run to the annual Explore Oregon tour, co-hosted by Duncan Johnson and Dee Dalhke. This drive culminates in Salem, Oregon this year where participants will enjoy a few days of fun exploring with the Willamette Valley Miata Club, who host this event annually. If you are signed up for this drive, you are in for a treat. I attended Explore Oregon last year, when it was held in Astoria, OR and it was a ton of fun! The drives are well-organized, well-run and we had a great time hanging out with our friends in Oregon

Finally, the newest drive we have added this year is a trek to Crystal Mountain Skill Area, hosted by one of our officers, A.J. and Vicky McGranaghan. This one should be a keeper, since it's late in July when the weather will be nice. Plan on attending so you can enjoy the beautiful scenery at Crystal. If you've never skied there, then this is a wonderful opportunity to see the mountain on a warm and sunny day. Check the calendar for other events this month too. In the meantime...

MAY THE SUN SHINE ON YOUR NEXT DRIVE!



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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 you Miata experience more enjoyable and join the club and participate. To keep the club meaningful and solvent, we need your support! Club membership is available by going to:

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You may notice that the Sounder looks a little different this month. We have decided to migrate away from Adobe Pagemaker for our newsletter designing and to Microsoft Publisher. Because Adobe no longer supports Pagemaker, we have had re-occurring problems with the software that we can no longer address. We think Publisher will continue to be supported in years to come and no matter who is the newsletter editor, they will have an easier time of using it since it interfaces well with other Office Suite programs.

If you would like to contribute an article or you took photos of an event you'd like to share, remember these guidelines:

- Send 3-5 of your best photos, not 20-30.
- Send us your j-pegs since we need to Photoshop them anyway.
- When sending news items, use one space at the end of sentences, not two. It saves space in the publication.
- Send all written materials in Arial and as attachments.
- The deadline is the 15 each month. Please observe it!

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