



THE FIRST OFFICIAL UNITED STATES MIATA CLUB

July 2014

Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas set for Aug. 2 Hosted by the PSMC Board

It's time again to mark your calendars to attend the annual Gathering of Miatas. As we did in past years, we have scheduled the cabana at Griot's Garage in Tacoma for our event this year. If you have never been to Griot's in Tacoma, then you are missing out! It's a great place to stock up on your car polishing supplies. As always, we'll have some terrific door prizes, thanks to one of our sponsors, Miata USA, and the PSMC Board of Directors.

As one of our partners, Griot's Garage welcomes us every year to host our gathering in their parking lot. Additionally, they sponsor a one-hour tech program where they explain the use of the car maintenance supplies they sell and why they are such good products. Their address is: 3333 S. 38th St, Tacoma. You can check out their website at www.griotsgarage.com.

Please bring something to sit on just like you would bring to a picnic! (i.e.: a folding chair or blanket).

We'll start off at 10 a.m. with the "Drive-In" to Griot's and give you an hour to spiff up your car. Then the Tech Program begins at 11 a.m. followed by lunch, which will be cooked and served by your PSMC Board of Directors.

Following lunch, you can view the Miatas and vote for your favorites to win in four categories and get to know some of your new friends or catch up with old ones.

We'll wrap up the day with the raffle of some Griot's products and some goodies provided by Mazda USA. We're offering prizes like GoPro Cameras for your car, Cool Scoops to keep your cockpits cool in these hot summer months, and many other fun prizes. Raffle tickets will go for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

The Gathering is the premiere event for our club to get together and hang out and enjoy the cars! With this year being the 25th Anniversary of the Miata, why not take a day and come join the rest of the club for a fun day in a great location.

Directions to Griot's Garage:

Traveling I-5 South: Take Exit 132A (S 38th St West toward Tacoma Mall)

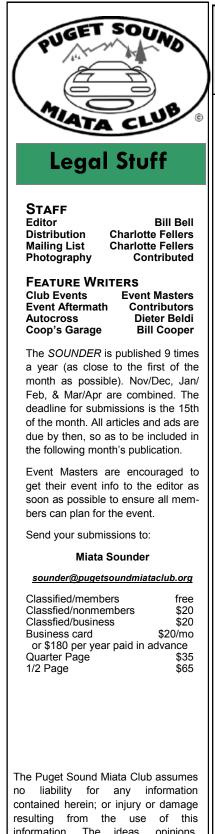
At the stoplight, bear right onto S 38th St. Go 3/4 of a mile to Griot's Garage on the right (white building with red stripes.) Last intersection is S Lawrence St.

Traveling I-5 North: Take Exit 132, take second 38th St exit after overpass (S 38th St West toward Tacoma Mall) Bear right onto S 38th St. Go 3/4 of a mile to Griot's Garage on the right (white building with red stripes.) Last intersection is S Lawrence St.

From Gig Harbor: On HWY 16, take exit for Union Ave. Turn right onto S Union Ave. Turn left onto S 38th St., then another left onto S Lawrence St. Griot's Garage is on the left (white building with red stripes.) Lot entrance is behind the building. You might want to bring some sunscreen. We will see you there!

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We are in the month of July and half of the year is over. The Summer driving has just started with many upcoming events. The weather has been nice with less rain so far and cool for this time of year. I hope it stays that way!

On July 12, we had our annual elections. Below are the members who were elected for our 2014-2015 board: They are:

President: Bill Bell Past President: Charlotte Fellers Secretary: Sandra Wallace Treasurer: Sean McGriff Members at Large: Tom Millar, Frank Shriver, Mike Springer, Pam McGriff, Vickie Olson, and Ross Scott

On July 26, the 2014 Opel-Miata Gathering behind Sonic Drive-In in Tacoma. It will be lots of fun seeing two Iconic Cars at the same event.

Our biggest event of the year is coming next month on August 2nd. The Puget Sound Miata Club is hosting the Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas at Griots Garage, Tacoma, WA. The event starts at 10am. It will be fun and exciting with voting on the best car in each of the generations. I want to thank again MazdaUSA for proving funding and prizes for our biggest event.

We have many more exciting events coming from overnight tours to parades to local drives. Please check out the calendar for the next upcoming event.

I have included two pictures of the 2015 25th Anniversary Mazda MX5/Miata. It will be a SkyActiv-based iteration of the iconic roadster now set to launch in 2016, the 25th Anniversary Edition provided Mazda an opportunity to usher out the third-generation MX-5 with style and exclusivity. There were only 100 units in Soul Red Metallic with Brilliant Black Apillars, windshield surround, side mirrors and roof. Other exterior changes included black front combination lamp bezels. It will have a serialized 25th Anniversary badge on the left front fender with 17 inch wheels.

Everyone, please drive safely and I hope to see you at the next Miata Event. Again, I want to thank everyone for being a member of the Oldest Miata Club in the U.S.A.

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President's Message

By Bill Bell

July 2014



Upcoming Events — Something for Everyone!

(The year at a glance — check website or future Sounders for updates)

	July		September
4	Kingston July 4th Parade @ Kingston, 10:30 a.m.	3-7	PSMC Drive and Fly Tour @ Boeing Museum of Flight
4-5-6	Historic Races @ Pacific Raceways, 8:30 a.m	6	Sunset Auto Trail IV @ Randy's Diner, South Seattle 9:15am
12	PSMC Board Meeting at Charlotte Fellers House in Auburn, WA, 11am	14-15	Olympic Peninsula (Lite)-Reprise @ Little Creek Casino, Shelton, 11am
16	Two Lanes to Oregon @ 8:00 a.m. (this gets you to Explore Oregon see below)	19	3rd Thursday Cruise-In Social @ Pick Quick Drive-In Fife, 6:00 p.m.
17-20	20 Willomatta Vallay Miata Club Evalara Oragon @ Cattaga	28	Leavenworth Autumn Leaf Parade @ North Bend 8am
17-20	7-20 Willamette Valley Miata Club Explore Oregon @ Cottage Grove area		October
20	Chinatown Seafair Parade @ Seattle 4pm	3-5	Mahogany, Merlot, and Miatas III @ Campbells' Resort in Chelan, 10:00 a.m., Chevron Gas Station, Monroe
26	Silverdale Whaling Days Parade @ Silverdale 8:30am	3-5	Backroads to Bavaria VIII @ Leavenworth, WA
26	2014 Opel - Miata Gathering @ Sonic Drive-In, Tacoma 10am		Hosted by Club Miata Northwest
		16	3rd Thursday Cruise-In-Social @ TBD 5:30pm
	August	18	Corn Maze Run @ The Old Cannery, Sumner 10am
2	PSMC Board Meeting @ Griots, Tacoma, 9am		
2	Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas @ Griots, Tacoma 10:00 a.m.		November
		1	PSMC Board Meeting @ Milam Mazda, Fife, 11:00 a.m.
16	Mt. St. Helens Run @ Country Rose Café, Spanaway 8am	20	3rd Thursday Cruise-In Social @ TBD 5:30 p.m.
31	South Bend Road Run @ Country Cousin Café, Centralia 8:00 a.m.		December
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Member we have lost

Puget Sound Miata Club was saddened to learn about the recent passing of one of our members, Howard Lynch . We didn't see Howard on a huge number of events, but when he came, he always enjoyed the fellowship of fellow Miata drivers and we'll miss him in the club.

He's now able to drive his favorite twisty roads whenever he wants, and with no worries at all..

If any club member has a picture of Howard. please send to Sean to post on the website. His email address is treasurer@pugetsoundmiataclub

Note: Check PSMC website for latest details http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org/main_page.php Mahogany, Merlot and Miatas III

Hosted by: <u>Ohlsens</u>, <u>Houghtons</u>, and <u>Paul Jaeger</u> Corn Maze Run returns to South End for '14 Hosted by: Charlotte Fellers

Wine lovers! Gear heads! Nostalgiacs! Do you like vintage wooden boats, vintage unlimited hydroplanes, and Chelan area wines? How about staying at a premium Chelan waterfront resort for a bargain price? This is the PSMC event for you.

Join us for a fun three-day weekend tour as we venture off to Lake Chelan for the Mahogany & Merlot festival held in Chelan. We will be staying at Campbell 's Waterfront Resort, walking distance



to the festival and hydro pits. The festival features wine, of course, a vintage car display and many vintage wooden pleasure craft on display, some offering rides. The big attraction though is the unlimited hydroplanes from the Unlimited Hydroplane Museum . Remember Miss Bardahl, Thriftway, Oh Boy! O'Berto, Hawaii Kai?

Experience the roar of these piston-engine boats as they run around the lake coarse. We are also planning a wine tour of the many wineries in the area, led by wine-extraordinaire: Ray Houghton

We will be meeting at 10 a.m., at the Chevron station located at the east end of Monroe on Hwy 2. As a reminder, get your reservation in to Campbell's Resort as soon as possible. Hydroplanes, wine tour, vintages cars! It doesn't get any better than this.

Get your RSVP in today! We have a planned lunch stop at Tunnel Hill Winery on the way to Chelan, as well as a stop at Tsillan Cellars while en-route to Campbell's resort.

Saturday is festival day and wine tour day; you may do both. New this year; we are also planning a beach BBQ for Saturday night at Campbell 's. Sunday morning our tour ends, but many will enjoy brunch at Tsillan Cellars before heading home.

Sound like fun?

Here is what you need to do; RSVP for the event then call Campbell's Resort 800-553-8225 or 509-682-2561 (room prices about \$120 per night) to reserve your room for Oct. 3rd and 4th. Mention "Mahogany& Merlot" to get the discount.

Don't wait, this festival is growing exponentially. Campbell 's has several rooms blocked for this event, but is offered to all festival participants (not just us) so it will



fill up fast. For any questions, please contact one of the hosts.

There is a large grassy area surrounding the barbecue pits for this purpose.

Upon check-in, you'll receive a voting packet and one raffle ticket. You are welcome to purchase as many raffle tickets as you like for the wide variety of prizes we'll offer. The Corn Maze Run originated a number of years ago when corn mazes were just coming in to their own in terms of popularity. Now, they have hit the big time, so we'll try and plan a run this year that will give us a more intimate experience at the maze.

The journey will begin at the Old Cannery Furniture Store in Sumner in late morning. This store has a nice restroom and there's a little coffee shop nearby in case you want a beverage on the road.

We'll do a drive in the cars and make one stop at a corn maze somewhere in the south end of King County (or maybe the north end of Pierce County). Which maze is not firmed up yet. The mazes can offer many different options, so watch this space as details are decided. No matter what, we'll drive on to the host's home for some fresh hot beef stew with biscuits and a chance to visit while we eat.

This year's run will be October 18 You can RSVP on the website at www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org.

It's a help to the host to know how many are coming so we have enough beef stew and biscuits for all.

So come join the fun and take a walk through a maze and then enjoy some good food after-wards.

Explore Oregon July 17-20, 2014 Willamette Valley Miata Club

Explore Oregon 2014 "The Premier Summer Miata Tour Event"

July 17-20, 2014

"EXPLORE OREGON" is an annual premier multi-day event. organized by the Willamette Vallev Miata club. Be prepared to enjoy some of Oregon's most beautiful and historic scenery and explore the awesome back roads of the Willamette Valley as we spend an incredible weekend in Cottage Grove, OR.

Cottage Grove-Our Destination

Discover the All-America City (1968, 2004) of Cottage Grove. Known as the "Covered Bridge Capital of Oregon," Cottage Grove boasts seven covered bridges in and around town.

Built in the early twentieth century, its 100-year-old architecture reflects Cottage Grove's rich gold mining history and success as an early center of commerce.

A film industry favorite, Cottage Grove has also been a backdrop in scenes from The General, Emperor of the North, Animal House and Stand By Me.

For a small town, there is a lot to do in Cottage Grove. A walkable downtown is dense with art galleries, museums, bookstores, boutiques and cafes. Many artistic murals grace the sides of buildings, documenting Cottage Grove's small town spirit and community pride. Of particular note, historic resident Opal Whiteley and her tragic life odyssey is immortalized in an iconic mural downtown. Located along the I-5 corridor, Cottage Grove provides easy access to the Cascade Mountains, the Oregon Coast, and is a convenient gateway to Oregon den was created for the magical Wine Country. Drive north along the agriculturally picturesque Highway 99 to explore the neighboring town of Creswell for an afternoon of wine tasting and golf.

In older times, a Village Green was a gathering place where friends and family and members of the community could come together and collect the news, visit with one another, and enjoy each other's company. Today, our Village Green serves the same purpose. We aim to become a gathering place where friends, family and community can congregate in a setting of world-class gardens.

The Bird Habitat - Get up close and personal with the local bird population. Their favorite shrubs, flowers and trees for food and shelter grow in this garden.

The Woodland – A small sampling of what you might find in the mountains, yet it's right here in the valley! Shady and peaceful, this garden is home to trilliums, soloman's seal, ferns, jack-in-the-pulpits, and more.

The Golden Garden – This garden accentuates golden and chartreuse foliage with blue flowers scattered here and there. A bower cut into the laurel thicket offers a shady respite during hot days. The Bell Tree, standing sentinel in the garden is hung with wind chimes, and bells to provide music.

The Widow's Walk -Strange and whimsical, this short walk is made up primarily of plants with black foliage, flowers or stems and underplanted with acid green and chartreuse.

The Twilight Garden – This garmoment at dusk when the colors are brilliant and the fragrance is intoxicating.

The Petite Tropicana - This garden has a lush, tropical feel, yet the majority of the plants are hardy and can survive our Oregon winters just fine. Bring your notebook and take a few ideas home with you.

Room Type

Standard 99.00 + tax Deluxe 109.00 + tax Executive 109.00+ tax To reserve your guestroom call the Village Green Resort at 1-800-343-7666 and identify themselves as participants of the Willamette Valley Miata Car Club event to receive the special rates quoted. NOTE: The date to reserve rooms has passed but if you want to attend, you should call right away. Details:

Village Green Resort 725 Row River Road, Cottage Grove, Oregon, 97424 Telephone: 541-942-2491 Toll free: 800-966-649 Costs: \$85.00 per person (\$160/ couple) - includes the Welcome 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.



Road Tour to "Come And Play On Labor Day" Parade

Sunday, August 31, 2014

Hosts: Dee Dahlke & Duncan Johnson, 253-845-2424 or e-mail ToadHallWa@yahoo.com

Open event for all Miatas and Miata clubs.

Hosted by: Dee Dahlke & Duncan Johnson 253-845-2424 toadhallwa@vahoo.com

New start point: Meet for breakfast at 8:00 AM at Country Cousin restaurant, 1054 Harrison Ave. Centralia, WA 98531.

Take exit 82 off I-5 (the Outlet Malls exit,) go west about a block, then right into restaurant.

Leave on road tour prompt-

ly at 9:15 AM for a back roads cruise of about 85 miles to South Bend, WA. We have stitched together some favorite twisties, including Dead Man's Curve, plus some roads never before used in this event. Then participate in the city's annual "Come And Play On Labor Day" parade.

If you and your sports car will be at the ocean beaches for the weekend, feel free to meet the rest of our club in the parade staging area. Parade starts at 1:00 PM.

Bring your Miata's parade decor as desired, plus your own ear protection in case we get staged in front of a fire department and their sirens.

After the parade we'll go for lunch at a local establishment.

Hosts' cell phone 253-327-4368 if you need to contact us at breakfast or the parade. That's for day of event only; it's not turned on at home.

This is an open event for all Miatas and Miata clubs; guests are encouraged.

Olympic Peninsula (Lite) Reprise Saturday & Sunday, September 13th & 14th, 2014

Once again, Cindy and Tom Millar are hosting their 2nd Olympic Peninsula Lite Tour to Pacific Beach!

This popular event is designed with a September weather, we will sit back, short but wonderfully curvy road through the back woods of Mason and Grays Harbor Counties. The plan this year is to stop at a winery along to way and then get to Pacific Beach in the mid-afternoon in time for check-in.

Once at Pacific Beach you will have the opportunity to walk on the beach where kites may be flying in abundance. Or, you can take a leisurely stroll around the thriving metropolis of Pacific Beach! You may even want to purchase your own kite at the kite shop in Pacific Beach and

participate in the fun!

After a day on the beach and all the joy that includes typically pristine sip some wines and slip into some easy times. Following dinner which is on your own at the Navy restaurant, we will assemble at the Millar house for some after-action reports on our experiences.

Our ride will begin at the Little Creek Casino in Shelton with a short drivers' meeting starting at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday. Lodging will be at the Pacific Beach Resort & Conference Center.

As of now we have several rooms blocked for this event, with a couple

of these being the presidential suites! Their website is: http:// www.navylifepnw.com/site/68/Pacific -Beach.aspx. Rooms run from \$55 to \$100 per night (no tax). You will need to reserve your room using either a Visa or MasterCard. If your plans change, you have until two weeks prior to the event to cancel without a charge. The direct phone number for Pacific Beach Resort & Conference Center is: (360) 276-4414. When you call, you need to reference Tom Millar with the Puget Sound Miata Club.

The early bird gets the worm on this one...book early! By the way, on Sunday we will max our check out time and plan on a leisurely drive

2014 Parades and Corrections

By Bill Bell

The Puget Sound Miata Club upcoming parades are:

July 20– Chinatown Parade-Seattle

July 26- Silverdale Whaling Days

Parade-Silverdale

September 27-Leavenworth Autumn Leaf Festival Parade-Leavenworth We hope to see you at the next parade, and we are always looking for volunteer drivers to help carry the Viking Fest Royalty.

I want to thank everyone who has volunteer this year and in past years. Without them, we would not be proving this service to support the local Royalty. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mindy Bohnas at fun4sun@wavecable.com or Bill Bell at arbill@hotmail.com.

Correction to the June 2014 Sounder

John Boespflug won the 3rd Generation Miata and Best in Show at the 2014 Detailing Day. Congratulations John.

Last Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social Ross Scott and Bill Bell

Last Tuesday North-End Cruise-in Social

Held at:Canyons Restaurant 22010 17th Ave SE Bothell, WA 98021

(425) 485-3288

On May 27, 2014, the Last Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social was held with 8 Miatas and 12 members in attendance for the last time before summer break. It was for those North-Enders who were loathe to brave 405 traffic to Renton, or anyone else, for that-matter. It was a eat-ngreet and socializing; no car show (other than a neat row of parked Miatas,) no competition, no business, no road run, or club meeting and open to all Mazda Miata/MX-5 enthusiasts.

You did not have to be a PSMC member to attend. There was

ample parking on the West side of the restaurant, viewable from our table as you can see with the picture below. We had a great time talking about our Miatas. Everybody enjoyed the food and we plan to do it again once the weather turns cool again.





Fathoms O' Fun Parade Pictures Courtesy of Bill Bell







24th Annual Tacoma Meet

Photo by Head-on Photos

What

Joint Tacoma Opel Club and Puget Sound Miata Club show and swap meet

Where Tacoma, Washington

When July 26, 2014

Who Speaker and topic TBA

Contact

John Boespflug (253) 581-5372, (253) 222-4671 www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org The "Tacoma Meet" is the west coast's largest and longest running Opel show and swap. This year it is a joint Opel-Miata event, promising to attract the most beautiful and interesting Opels and Miatas from as far away as southern California. All Opels and Miatas are welcome, not just "show" cars. This is not a competition. It is a gathering of these remarkable little two-seater sports cars and their owners.

The 2014 event will begin at 10 AM with the show and swap meet in the large shaded lot (room for over 100 cars) behind the Sonic Drive-In located at 5114 Sixth Avenue. At 5 PM we cruise the waterfront and at 7 PM we sit down for dinner and a presentation.

The cost is \$15 per car and does not include dinner. In addition to the registration fee please consider also donating items for door prizes.



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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 newsletter, and operating supplies constitute a financial burden that must be met by the membership. The Sounder is emailed as a PDF unless you opt for physical delivery. Make your 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 our website at www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org or by sending your name, address, email, and a check for **\$30** (annual chapter dues) or **\$40** (dues plus Sounder delivery via hardcopy). Puget Sound Miata Club

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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 1st each month. Please observe it!

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

Louie Orrino at South Tacoma Mazda (253) 722-2888 / Cost plus 20%

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