

Miata Sounder



THE FIRST OFFICIAL UNITED STATES MIATA CLUB

June/July 2015

Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas

August 1st, 2015

10am – 3pm

Griot's Garage, Tacoma, WA

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 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 pro-

Following lunch, you can view the Miatas and vote for the People's Choice winners.



Please bring something to sit on just like you would bring to a picnic! (i.e.: a folding chair or blanket). There is a large grassy area surrounding the bbq pits for this purpose.

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gram where the 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.

So, we'll start off at 10 a.m. with the "Drive-In" to Griot's and to 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.

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Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas

August 1st, 2015
 10am – 3pm
 Griot's Garage, Tacoma, WA

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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 to-



ward 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. Zoom Zoom!

The Renton "Clueless" Drive
 Hosted by Sean and Pam McGriff
 August 15, 2015

We'll meet at the Landing behind the Top Pot doughnut shop in Renton at 10:37am sharp. (give or take a few minutes).

Then we will head out and drive around the south end of Lake Washington. Hopefully our hosts will know the way, but if not, it will still be a fun drive!



After a two hour drive, we'll end where we began. There is a Jimmy-John's, Mucho Burrito, 5-Guys Burgers, The Rock - Wood-fired Pizza, and other food venues.

THIRD THURSDAY CRUISE-IN

Location: Billy Baroo's Bar and Grill in the clubhouse of the Foster Golf Course, 13500 Interurban Ave S., Tukwila, WA 98168 on June 18, 2015 beginning at 6pm.

Upcoming Events — Something for Everyone!

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

June

Jun 02 Final First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social until Fall
 Jun 06 PSMC Board Meeting
 Jun 19 Final Third Thursday Cruise-In Social until Fall
 Jun 27 Fathoms O' Fun Parade

July

Jul 04 Pacific Northwest Histories
 Jul 04 Kingston 4th Of July Parade
 Jul 11 Whidbey Island Tour
 Jul 16 Expore Oregon (hosted by Willamette Valley Miata Club)
 Jul 19 Chinatown Seafair Parade
 Jul 25 Silverdale Whaling Days Parade
 Jul 25 2015 Opel - Miata Gathering

August

Aug 01 Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas
 Aug 08 Spot That Thing!
 Aug 15 The Renton "Clueless" Drive
 Aug 22 Smilin' Jack's Run

September

Sep 06 South Bend Road Run
 Sep 12 Drive to Lunch
 Sep 19 Pacific Beach Frolic
 Sep 26 Leavenworth Autumn Leaf Festival Parade

October

Oct 02 Mahogany & Merlot & Miatas IV Tour
 Oct 05 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social
 Oct 15 Third Thursday Cruise-In Social

November

Nov 03 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social
 Nov 07 End-Of-The-Driving Season Party
 Nov 19 Third Thursday Cruise-In Social

Miata Helpful Links

Miata Garage: <http://www.miata.net/garage/>

**BUCKLE UP
AND
DRIVE
SAFELY**



Note: Check PSMC website for latest details

**Whidbey Island Tour Gets Last Hurrah
Hosted by Frank Shriver and Carol Kus
July 11, 2015**

If you have never been on this fun and leisurely drive through the backroads of Whidbey Island, then sign up now because it may be the final time for this popular event.

Hosted by Frank Shriver and Carol Kus, this run takes you all over the island with stunning views of the waterfront, other islands, the mainland, and beautiful scenery that is a part of the island life. You'll also get the opportunity to stop along Deception Pass and you may see some interesting waterfowl.



The drive will begin at the Clinton Ferry Dock, so plan to catch an early ferry over to the island so you will not get left behind. After a short driver's meeting to pass out the route and hear instructions about the drive, we'll head out.

This drive may be the swan song for this couple since they have put their Whidbey Island Home on the market and may need to do some creative planning if the house sells quickly.

The drive will end with food someplace, either at the hosts' home or at a local eatery. More details will follow as this event draws closer.

**Drive to Lunch
Hosted by Ross Scott
September 12, 2015**

This is a straight forward 50 plus mile drive along scenic back roads, to lunch at the famous Rhodes River Ranch, located just outside of Oso, WA. It is located on the second floor of a horse arena, with a glass wall for a view of the horses. There is no special event scheduled for this day, but people can be observed working their horses from time to time.

There is a Senior's Menu, \$6.95 for a good sized sandwich and fries. The also excellent standard lunch menu is in the \$9-\$12 range, including gluten free items. This is big-city food at country prices, folks.

From here, everyone can make their way home through Arlington to highway 9, and from there, connect to I5 if desired. Of course one can always trace the route in reverse, or take the alternate parallel back roads per supplied map.

We will meet up at 9:30 AM at the Monroe Chevron on Highway 2 at the east end of Monroe. Driver's meeting will be at 9:45 for a 10 a.m. commencement of activities.

Monroe Chevron

514 E Main St

Monroe, WA 98272

And end up at Rhodes River Ranch:

22016 Entsminger Rd, Arlington, WA 98223

(360) 474-8313

This will be about a two-hour drive with a 15 minute rest stop about halfway through.

Directions from I-5:

Take the highway 2 exit east in Everett. About 40 miles from the exit.

Highway 522:

Drive north on Highway 522 to the end in Monroe and take Highway 2 east.

Hope to see you there!

Last Get-Together of the Year Hosted by: PSMC Board

The **"End of the Driving Season"** will be upon us, so why not have a party to celebrate! This year's party will be at a different venue from years past and we'll be doing a "drive-in" to this luncheon event.

This year's luncheon will be open to the first 40 people who register and pay in advance for the event. Cost is \$25 per person.



The day will begin with a drive from either the north end or south end and each drive host will meet up with additional drivers along the way, where we'll terminate at Lombardi's in Bothell for an elegant luncheon together. It's an Italian restaurant that features delicious handmade authentic food.

As you arrive, you'll be able to sample your choice of two appetizers, either Tuscan prawns featuring spicy tiger prawns, white beans, garlic, tomato and white wine; or Tuscan Chicken bites layered on crostini with grilled chicken, white beans, and garlic.

Lunch will start with either a baby greens and gorgonzola salad or a cup of home-made soup of the day; followed by your choice of four main course items. These

will include tortellini gorgonzola featuring cheese filled pasta, tossed with sundried tomato, basil, walnuts and cream sauce; penne Siciliana, with Italian sausage, tomatoes, peppers, onions, all in a tomato butter sauce; grilled wild salmon prepared with extra virgin olive oil, grey salt, grilled medium and served on fettuccine noodles; or chicken parmigiano, cooked in the traditional tomato-based sauce featuring Italian cheeses.

Dessert will be available for purchase for those who want it. Coffee and tea (hot and cold) will be included with your meal. Any additional beverages, such as soda or alcoholic beverages will be available for individual purchase from the Lombardi's bar.

The registration may be paid by mailing a check to Sean McGriff, Treasurer, at 222 Wells St. N., Renton, WA 98057, or you can use PayPal on the PSMC Website to make your payment. The cost is \$25 per person, payable in advance.

In years past, the main event has been a plethora of door prizes. However, this year, we are tightening our belts a bit and so we do not plan to have door prizes; instead we are going to have some other entertaining activities to help celebrate our year as a club.

This party is a great time to give your Miata one last spin before the snow flies and meet up with old friends and new for an afternoon of socializing and reliving our memories of the season. We hope you will come and participate in this fun day out! Zoom Zoom!

Road Run to South Bend
Open event for all Miatas
and Miata Clubs
Hosted by: Dee Dahlke
& Duncan Johnson

2015 PSMC
Parades

Phone #253-845-2424

Email: toadhallwa@yahoo.com

This is a Miata Club tradition that ends at South Bend just in time to join in their Annual 'Come out and play on Labor Day' parade. Once we arrive there, we'll line up to drive our cars in this fun parade that always attracts an appreciative crowd.



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 promptly at 9:15 AM for a back roads cruise of about 85 miles to South Bend, WA. Then participate in the city's annual "Come And Play On Labor Day" parade. For parade and festival info see: <http://funbeach.com>

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

Every year, the PSMC supports the Viking Fest and Kingston Queens and their court in driving them in several parades. They are: Viking Fest Parade, Port Orchard Fathoms O' Fun Parade, Kingston 4th of July Parade, Silverdale Whaling Parade, and the Leavenworth Autumn Leaf Festival Parade. In addition, we drive the Seafair Japanese Queen and her court at the Chinatown Parade in July. These parades are lots of fun, we meet new people, decorate our cars, and we are giving our club publicity in driving the Royalty around in our Miat-as.

In the past few years, the number of drivers have dwindled to just a few. We are looking for new drivers to drive the Royalty for these three groups. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mindy Bohnas at fun4sun@wavecable.com or Bill Bell at arbill@hotmail.com. We would be happy to have you join us in our next parade.



**Viking Fest Parade by
Bill Bell
May 16, 2015**

The Annual Viking Fest Parade in Poulsbo, Washington was held on May 16, 2015. This event is an annual event held on the 3rd Saturday in May. The Puget Sound Miata Club Parade Cars were there to drive the Viking Fest Queen and her court in the annual parade. I want to thank the coordinator Mindy Bohnas and the Parade Car Members for volunteering to be in the parade: Bill Hughes - Silver, NA

George Swayze - 1999 10th AE edition, NB

Mindy Bohnas - 1997 twilight blue STO edition, NA

Danika Winter & Ly Le - driving Mindy's 2005 MX-5 turbo Lava Orange, NB

Bonnie Ryder - Red, NB with duck lights

Lynanne White & Jesse Bradley - White, NA

Parade Pictures on Page 8.

On a side note, I want to thank Bill Hughes on a quick turnaround repairing his car after his accident. Bill stated he repaired the damage to his 1992 and bought a 1991 without an engine or transmission. I have included the before and after the repair pictures.

Before



After



Viking Fest Parade Pictures Poulsbo, Washington



Photo Courtesy of Kitsap Sun

Detailin' Day and Show N Shine Pictures May 16, 2015



Detailin' Day and Show and Shine

By Tom Millar and Bill Bell

Saturday, May 16th, marked our Puget Sound Miata Club's annual Detailin' Day with our 5th year at Lee Johnson's Chevrolet, Mazda, and Kia dealership in Kirkland. The weather god was with us as we enjoyed cooler temps but a rain-free experience...ideal for buffing and polishing cars.

The Puget Sound Miata Club would like to give a special thanks to Lee Johnson's Chevrolet/Mazda of Kirkland for their help in making the 2015 Detailing Day a total success. Besides the free use of their tent and facilities, they also provided trophies, soft drinks, and hot dogs. Even more than that, Tracie, executive personal assistant, took time out from her busy schedule to set up tables, cook the hot dogs, and make sure we had everything we needed. Thanks, Tracie!

In addition, we had several members who assisted with the event. These include Lily Springer, Cindy Millar, Pam McGriff, and Vickie Olson who provided a yummy array of homemade chili. We also had Ross Scott, Tom Smith and Joe Beretti who provided the buffing of the cars. Tom Millar provided the logistics and liaison with Lee Johnson. We thank all of these members for their kind contributions of time and energy.

Griots provided lots of their great products for use, and as prizes, and we thank them very much for that. Once all the cars were detailed, ballots were cast and the following is a list of the winners. In addition, a 2015 Mazda MX5/Miata was sold and taken delivery during the event. Congratulations to All of You!

NA First Edition:

1st Ross Scott
2nd Mark Nordlund
3rd Bret Anderson

NB Second Edition:

1st Tom Smith
2nd Tom Millar
3rd Frank Shriver

NC Third Edition:

1st John Boespflug
2nd Vemund Aaro
3rd Bill Bell

Mahogany & Merlot and Miatas IV Tour

October 2, 3, 4th, 2015

Hosted by Allan Ohlsen and Paul Jaeger

Here we go again! Wine lovers! Gear heads! Nostalgia! 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, 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 course. 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, vintage cars! It doesn't get any better than this.

Bring your lunch for Friday, we have a planned lunch stop at Tunnel Hill Winery on the way to Chelan, we will also stop at Tsillan Cellars while en-route to Campbell's resort. Saturday is festival day and wine tour day; you may do both. New twist this year; we are also planning a beach BBQ for Saturday night at Campbell's. Bill and Karen Cooper from Coop's Miata will be providing burgers, brats and fixings, to be prepared on Campbell's BBQs, all for \$8 per person. 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. 2nd and 3rd. 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.

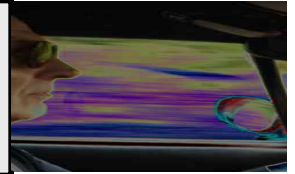
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Ruminations of a Miata Driver

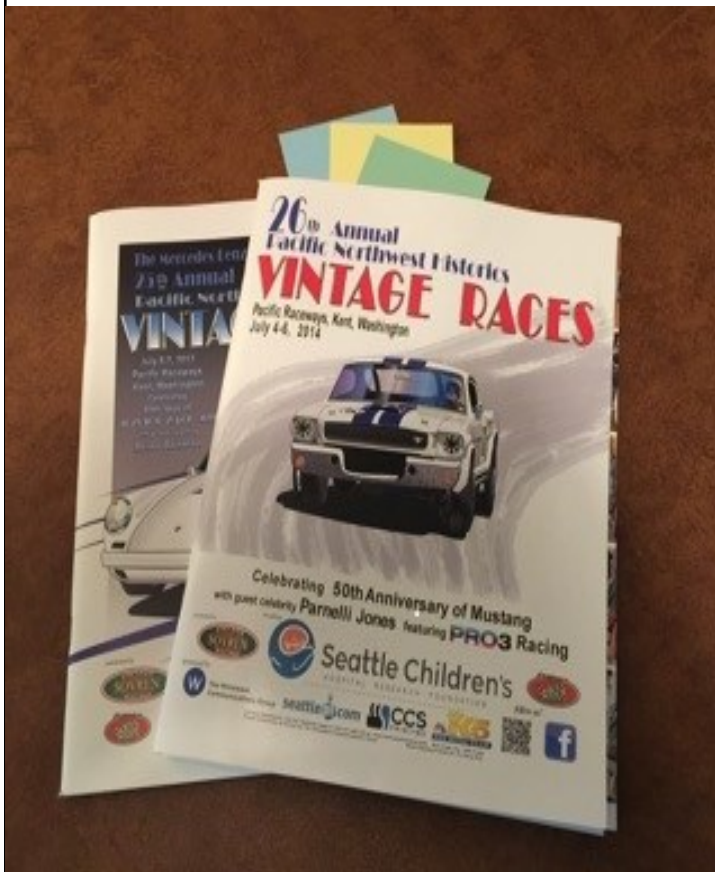
Potluck

By Ross Scott



Discount Charity Tickets

A few years back, an old work friend of mine sent me a link to Groupon with half price tickets to a local charity vintage racing event. I had to stare at the email for a while to fully understand the offer and its deeper implications. In fact, it had never crossed my mind that one could get a discount while helping others. This kind of thing could catch on.



First, one needs to get a legislation passed to allow for the deduction of the full amount of the suggested donation. This way, you deduct twenty dollars from your taxes for the event ticket, even though you only spent ten! This should be

easy, given the anti-tax sentiments in Washington these days. Imagine how many ways this can be applied. One only has to double the amount of money or time one gives to the less fortunate.

Once the ball gets rolling, the amount reported as donated would skyrocket! This would show the American people as the most generous gift givers in the world! In fact, this program could get so popular that the law could be changed to be more and more generous, until the actual amount of donations could be zero, while corporations and other giving people could deduct the maximum. Since most people are honest, it would be whatever the giver says they gave.

This also would save millions in government spending, because one would not need any oversight, because there is actually no money involved. Think about the I.R.S. saving millions, because they would not need any auditors or investigators! I am sure this has been thought of before, but has not been introduced into law because of what the naysayers would say. Probably "nay."

Write this down. The next big thing will be half price tithing, called fiving!

Give till it hurts, laugh til your broke.

Historics Races to feature the BMW
Date: July 3-5
(Must Pre-Register!)
Hosted by Michael Springer

'Smilin' Jack's'
Features South End Roads
Hosted by Jim and Phyllis Liljeberg
August 22, 2015

The BMW marque will be featured this year. A guest celebrity has not been named yet, more information will be available at www.northwesthistorics.com in the near future.

Although vintage racing is not "real" competition in the sense that the cars are not driven to their limits 100% of the time, scoring is based on laps completed rather than order of finish, and the safety of the cars and drivers is the foremost concern, the drivers are still interested in turning in the best possible lap times. Without the pressure to have the fastest possible car, the drivers and pit crews are willing (often eager) to display and talk to others about the cars. The pits are open to spectators all three days.

There have been some rule changes so there will be some newer cars in the grids and possibly a bit more variety. The cars historically experience about 10% attrition per day, so Friday provides the best opportunity to see all of the cars in action in a much less crowded environment. Races are scheduled for all three days and there should be some great vendor and featured car displays.

The car corral at the PNW Historics is an excellent opportunity for members of local car clubs to meet and display their cars. Those displaying their cars in the corral on Saturday or Sunday may participate in parade laps on the Pacific Raceways track during the lunch break and an informal judging for the "best" cars in various age groups. The judges are generally children of event volunteers. There are no formal car corral activities on Friday but the area is open to those purchasing car corral passes for the weekend or Friday.

Tickets cost:

\$30.00 car & driver in car corral for one day, \$50.00 for all three days.

\$25.00 passenger for one day, \$40.00 for all three days.

\$5.00 children (7-16) Please use this PDF order form
TICKET ORDER DEADLINE: JUNE 1st

Send the completed order form, check & self addressed envelope to

Mike Springer 2214 S. Melrose St. Tacoma WA 98405

Join Jim Liljeberg and his wife Phyllis on this drive that starts in Enumclaw and, as is often the case, ends with food.

We're looking at about an hour and a half of actual driving time from Enumclaw to Whistlin'



Jacks Restaurant. Maybe two hours, tops. But there are a lot of interesting stops along the way. The first one is an interpretive center (half hr)

and then the little town of Greenwater has some interesting shops (and toilets). And then there's a campground with a very large very old tree that people usually like to use as a backdrop for a photo op. There will be another campground with a large picnic area next to a fast running stream where we plan to stop and have a little picnic, so bring food for the picnic.

The next stops are the passes themselves. By the time we take this drive, there won't be much snow there, if any, so we probably won't be able to spend as much time there as usual but there are toilets and more photo ops. Then there are a couple of interesting stops on the other side of the Chinook and Cayuse passes. As we develop this drive further, we'll make notes on the free interpretive centers and any other interesting things to do on this drive. So my plan is to meet the group in a parking lot in Enumclaw at 10 AM. Be sure you have a nice breakfast at home or along the way to Enumclaw before arriving for the start of the drive. After the many stops and a picnic lunch along the way, we will plan to be at Whistlin' Jacks by 3:30 or 4 PM for dinner. From there, folks are free to return home on their own. There are only two ways to go, back to Enumclaw and then home or continue on to Yakima and then through Snoqualmie Pass.

Pacific Beach Frolic

**Saturday & Sunday,
September 19th & 20th, 2015**

Once again, Cindy and Tom are hosting their 3rd annual Pacific Beach Frolic (aka Olympic Peninsula Lite Tour)! This popular event is designed with a short but wonderfully curvy road through the back woods of the Mason and Grays Harbor Counties. Unlike last year, our intent is to not stop at a winery but to head fairly directly to the Pacific Beach Resort. We will make a quick stop in Aberdeen to pick any supplies you may wish to bring out to the beach. Once at Pacific Beach you will have the opportunity to walk on the beach where kite season will sure to be in the air. Or, you can visit 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 September weather, we will sit back, sip some wines and slip into some easy times. Following dinner which is on your own at the Navy resort restaurant, we will assemble at the club room off of the presidential suites wing for a 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 12:00 p.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 few 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 back to civilization. If you encounter any difficulties with making your reservations at Pacific Beach please feel free to call Tom Millar at (425)623-8181 or e-mail: tom.millar@sorianthealthcare.com.

'Spot that thing' is back on the road!

**Hosted by Charlotte Fellers
August 8, 2015**

Jump in your Miata and get ready to "Spot That Thing." In this fun rallye-type drive, you'll get a set of driving directions and a page of photos that correspond to sights you will see on the drive. You'll need to take note of the mileage when you "Spot That Thing." At the end of the drive, you'll have an opportunity to win a fun prize.

This drive has been re-introduced after a few years' hiatus and will feature a new drive that will leave from Factoria Mall near Target on the west side of the mall. You will want to arrive early enough to use the facilities and perhaps grab a cup of coffee for your short journey that will end at one of the South End's hidden treasures--The Black Diamond Bakery. We'll get some lunch and have a chat about the "Things" on this drive.

The drive is going to take a few hours because some of the roads have slower speed limits and there will be a number of bicyclists along this route. So relax and enjoy the rural roads of King County as you "Spot That Thing."

2015 Opel - Miata Gathering

July 25th from 10am to 4pm

Hosted by the local Opel Club

This is the 25th Annual show!

Registration is \$15 per car. To register, please contact John Boespflug at 253.581-5372 or 253.222-4671. We cannot accept registrations through our club site for this event. Also, we will be signing up member and non-members at the event. A Miata member will be at the Miata area to take registrations.

President's Message

By Bill Bell



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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 Link 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
c/o Sean McGriff

222 Wells Ave North
Renton, WA 98057

Hello Fellow Members! Summer is almost here, and it is getting warmer. The tops are down and driving season has started. At the 2nd Quarter PSMC general membership and board meeting in April, the board approved funding for door prizes at the **"Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas"** in August and **"The End-of-the-Driving-Season"** party has been approved for Lombardi's in Bothell.

The **"New Member Welcome"** had 14 cars and **"Detailin' Day"** had 19 cars in attendance. Both were lots of fun, meeting new members, and shining up those Miatas for summer driving.

On August 1st, it is the biggest event of the year for PSMC. It is the **"Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas"**. It will be held at the cabana at Griot's Garage in Tacoma. It starts at 10am. Griot's Garage will be putting on a display of their products with food, prizes, and a show-n-shine contest provided by PSMC. Upcoming parades are the Fathoms O' Fun Parade on June 27 and the Kingston 4th of July Parade on July 4th. Please check the scheduled for future parades. If you like to volunteer to drive, please contact Mindy Bohnas at fun4sun@wavecable.com.

The First Tuesday and Third Thursday will continue through June and will be back in October. Please check out all the other events from drives to overnights to social events. There is something for everyone! The PSMC website link is: <http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org>.

I want to thank the PSMC Board for their hard and dedicated work to making this club what it is today! Have Fun and See You at the Next Event!

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 JPEGs 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, i.e. word doc or docx or file text.
- The deadline is the 15th of the next month. Please observe it!

Thanks to the following Miata dealers and businesses who provide PSMC member discounts(simply show your PSMC Card):

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