Miata Sounder

THE FIRST OFFICIAL UNITED STATES MIATA CLUB

October/November 2015

Puget Sound Miata Club Elections, Planning Board Meeting and Pot Luck

October 17, 2015
11am – 3pm

PSMC will meet on October 17, 2015 to elect the 2016 Officers and Board Members, plan the 2016 Calendar Event s, and have a Pot Luck. New Officers and Board Members have been nominated:

Nominations are:

President: Ross Scott

Vice President: Open

Secretary: Sandra Wallace

Treasurer: Sean McGriff

Past President: Bill Bell

Members at Large: Frank Shriver, Mike Springer, Tom Millar, Pam McGriff, and Vickie Olson.

If anyone would like to join the board, please contact Bill Bell at the below email:

president@pugetsoundmiataclub.org.

This club thrives because our members get involve as officers and board members and plans and execute creative and exciting drives through many of our region's most beautiful areas on some of the curviest roads in Washington and Oregon States. Why not be a part of the board and planning meeting so we can continue to keep this a great club!

The meeting starts at 11am with a pot luck lunch at Milam Mazda in Puyallup in their upstairs meeting room. Please bring food or soft drinks to share.

There is a kitchen & microwave available. The address is 608 River Rd, Puyallup, WA. Directions from I-5 North or South: Take Exit #135 River Road to Puyallup for approximately 5.7 miles. Turn right at 7th Street NW (the dealership is on the corner of River Road & 7th St NW), Turn left at the first drive way.

Dealership phone is 844-242-6282 in case you need it. Around 11:45am, we'll start the elections and calendar planning. We will elect the New Officers and Board Members and we'll enter the events to the 2016 calendar. Following the calendar meeting, we'll move right into the 4th Quarter business meeting. Generally, the board presents a financial report for the prior quarter and discusses future plans for the club. Please come out and join us for our annual meeting to elect our board for 2016.

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Event Masters are encouraged to get their event info to the editor as soon as possible to ensure all members can plan for the event.

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Last Get-Together of the Year
Hosted by: PSMC Board
November 7, 2015

When: 11/7/2015
11:30am to 3:00pm

Location:
Lombardi's in Mill Creek,
19409 Bothell-Everett Hwy,
Bothell, WA 98012

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 homemade 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!

Upcoming Events — Something for Everyone!

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

October	November	December
Oct 02 Mahogany, Merlot & Miatas IV Oct 06 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social Oct 15 Third Thursday Cruise-In Social Oct 17 PSMC Elections and Planning Board Meeting	Nov 03 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social Nov 07 End-Of-The-Driving Season Party Nov 19 Third Thursday Cruise-In Social	Dec 12 Holiday Open House Hosted by Charlotte Fellers
January	**February**	**March**
Jan 05 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social Jan 15 Third Thursday Cruise-In Social	Feb 02 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social Feb 18 Third Thursday Cruise-In Social	Mar 01 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social Mar 17 Third Thursday Cruise-In Social

Miata Helpful Links

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

Drive Safely!

2015 PSMC Great Northwest Gathering of Miata's
Griot's Garage
August 1, 2014
By Bill Bell

On the first day of August, 2015, Puget Sound Miata Club's held its biggest event of the year: The 2015 PSMC Gathering at Griot's Garage in Tacoma. It was a beautiful warm day with 28 Miatas and over 45 Miata enthusiast. MazdaUSA

provided support in prizes and funding, and it was the best Gathering PSMC ever had. Food and refreshments with demonstrations on car care by Griots was a total success. I want to thank everyone for an outstanding PSMC Gathering, and thank MazdaUSA for their generous

funding and prizes, Griot's Garage for letting us use their picnic area, South Tacoma Mazda for showing the new 2016 ND Mazda Miata, John Boespflug for donating to the Gathering, the

Puget Sound Miata Club Officers and Board and their support, and the individuals who helped cook and brought their cooking equipment and

helped clean up afterwards. Without a team effort, we would not have been successful in the Puget Sound Miata Club largest event of the year. Events included a detailing workshop where Griot's showed us a demonstration and MazdaUSA and PSMC board provided the prizes! Winners for the People Choice Award:

Generation One: Maury Fugitt, 1992 Sunburst Yellow; Generation Two: Tom Millar, 2001 British Racing Green SE; Generation Three: John Boespflug, 2013 True Red

Congratulations to the Winners of the People Choice Awards!

Holiday Open House
December 12, 2015
Hosted by Charlotte Fellers

Time: 12/12/2015 at 2pm

Contact: 253-333-7442

Remember the “good ole’ days” when your company had a nice Christmas party to help get you into the Christmas spirit? Well, we’ve moved into the New Millennium where many of us don’t get those great Christmas parties at work anymore. (Cheapskates!) So plan on attending a get-together at the home of past-president and membership coordinator Charlotte Fellers’ house. You all know you get those membership packets in the mail every year. Wouldn’t you like to meet the person behind the mail? You know you would! Going for a fourth year and counting, this annual holiday open house will take place on December 12. Be sure to mark your calendar and make note of these details:

Club members will have a unique opportunity to stop in for a beverage and a snack and a visit with old, and sometimes new friends. The open house will begin any time after 2 p.m. and ends when the last person leaves. But please—don’t all come at once! This is a smaller home and sometimes it becomes a ‘standing room only’ situation. Plan your day around any other activities you may be doing and just work it into your schedule as your time permits. There will be punch and many appetizers and sweets to tempt you.

Feel free to bring a beverage of your choice to drink or share if you wish. No need to bring gifts or your own contribution to the food table, but if you just can’t walk in the door empty-handed, then bring something to share if you wish. This is meant to be a way to reconnect with friends and catch your breath amid the hustle and bustle of a busy month-- not be “one more thing to do that takes up my time.” If you are just too worn out to come, then stay at home with a good book in front of the blazing fireplace. Either way, it’s sure to be a win-win!

Directions: From Hwy 18, either direction, take the Auburn-Black Diamond Exit. At the end of the exit, turn left heading into Auburn city limits. This road curves around and through some country roads and crosses the railroad tracks, where it bends to the right. At the stop sign, go straight and continue another four blocks, and turn right onto 4th St. The house is about 7 down on the right-hand side of the street, #1800. Park anywhere on the right side of the street or in the driveway.

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Additional Pictures of the 2015 PSMC Great Northwest Gathering of Miata's
At Griot's Garage
August 1, 2014

Winners of the People Choice Award:

Generation One: NA

Maury Fugitt, 1992 Sunburst Yellow

Generation Two: NB

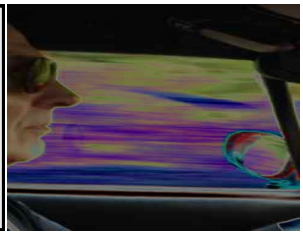
Tom Millar, 2001 British Racing Green SE

Generation Three: NC

John Boespflug, 2013 True Red

Leavenworth Autumn Leaf Parade
September 26, 2015
Photos Courtesy of Mindy Bohnas and P5 Photography

Ruminations of a Miata Driver
New Cars, New People
By Ross Scott



I have heard people say you are the car you drive. I believe this is true, from the most expensive super-cars to the rattiest beaters. We kind of reflect our inner being, whether it is conservative or flamboyant, shy or outgoing. Sometimes reflecting an important idea or concept, like fuel economy in a post petroleum era, or ridiculous horsepower, in an I-don't-care world.

Miata's are an interesting example, because the car has remained recognizably Miata for twenty-six years while constantly changing the original principle, mainly, for comfort and ease. The first iteration, or NA, was the product of a dream of taking all of the good things from the European small sports cars and building a machine that avoids the bad things like Lucas Electric and Amol side draft carburetors. A machine that was as light as could be made within budget and a high winding small four cylinder engine and a suspension most would only dream of, if they knew what to dream of. These are old cars, because soon after fledging, the engine was enlarged and weight was added for a stiffer ride. Then the body was enlarged and the drivers position was moved two inches or so upward to make it easier to get in and out in the second iteration, or the NB. More weight was added for safety. At some point, the designers figured what the heck, might as well make a bigger car with some familiar styling cues with even more weight and comfort with an interior just like a regular car. I wonder if, (the NC) even qualifies as a short car on the ferries?

So there you have it. The NA owners are conservative traditionalists who figure if it ain't obsolete don't redesign it. Then there are the NA-2 people who figure if it shakes, make it stiffer. The NB people like tradition all right, but do not want to sacrifice side impact safety for hidden headlights. The NC owners have arrived, "Let us have total comfort while we drive." Here comes the ND. Here come the new people!

Miata's Forever!

Drive to Lunch Run A Success!
Hosted by Ross Scott
September 12, 2015

On September 12, 2015, 13 cars and 25 people departed from the Chevron station in Monroe to commence the first annual Drive To Lunch Run. Each car received a goody bag with granola bars and chocolate, so everyone would have the energy to make it all the way on the 52 mile run to Rhodes River Ranch in Oso for lunch via back roads that caused one veteran member to say he had never been on some of them before. I was delighted, as I had not been on them previously myself and wondered if it was just me.

Just 20 or so miles into the drive, we drove past a couple in a 2016 Meteor Grey Mica Miata waiting by the roadside who swung in behind and followed us to our first, and only, scheduled stop at River Meadows Park, whereupon my lovely assistant Nancy gave them a goody bag and invited them to lunch, which they accepted, growing our group to 14 cars and 27 people.

Everyone enjoyed an off-the-menu lunch prepared by Rhodes River Rancho's new Chef. Good job Chef! Leisa Garrett, of Yakima, won a sponge rubber Miata for traveling the farthest to the drive. Leisa is a trooper, as I have seen her on quite a few runs on this side of the hill. Each car got a refrigerator magnet that said, "I DROVE TO LUNCH." I say refrigerator, because much to my chagrin, they do not stick to Miatas. Drive and learn.

Even though the scenery on the route was beautiful, it was not as spectacular as on some of the pre-runs, as time and drought took their toll on the flowering shrubbery, and it was a little early for fall foliage. I am contemplating a spring and fall drive next year to fully take advantage of nature's beauty and bounty during those times. Let me know what you think.

So, thank you to everyone that attended, and especially Dan Thomas, who generously donated his car and time for the pre-runs, and Sandra Wallace, Navigator extraordinaire. See you all on the next drive.

Whistlin' Jack's Run
August 22, 2015
By Bill Bell

On a Cloudy and Smokey Warm Day, 15 cars and 28 people departed the large parking lot behind the Chamber of Commerce Building in Enumclaw WA. Jim Liljeberg and his wife Phyllis led us on the drive that ended at Whistlin' Jack's near Yakima. We took a detour to Mud Mountain Dam Park before departing on Hwy 410 and stopping at Greenwater, Chinook Pass, and finishing up at Whistlin' Jack's. Food at Whistlin' Jack's was great with plenty to eat. As we were driving over, we saw the deep canyons, White River, and Mt. Rainier. Although it was smokey from the forest fires in northern Washington, it was still beautiful to see. Thank You Jim and Phyllis for hosting the event! Below are some of the pictures taken.

President's Message

By Bill Bell

Hello Fellow Members! Summer is over, and Fall is here. The tops are still down, and driving season is winding down! It has been beautiful and if you can, keep driving in the nice weather we are having.

At 11am on October 17, 2015, Milam Mazda in Puyallup, the PSMC is having it 2016 Elections, Planning Board, and Pot Luck event. We will have a pot-luck lunch beginning at 11AM, with nominations and elections to be held afterwards then on to the calendar and business meeting. This is the annual event for all members to vote on next year's board and make those plans for hosting an event next year.

"The End-of-the-Driving-Season" party on November 7th in Bothell, WA at 11:30am. It is the PSMC annual "End of the Year Party" to celebrate the year. Please sign up for **"The End-of-the-Driving-Season"** party before all the spaces are gone.

The First Tuesday and Third Thursday Cruise-In Social has returned after a summer break. Please attend these monthly events as they are great social events to talk about Miata's.

On December 12th at 2pm, Charlotte Fellers will be hosting a Holiday Open House at her home. Please stop by for some beverages and snacks. Information is in this "Sounder" on page 5.

There will be one more PSMC "Sounder" in 2015. I have decided to continued being the editor in 2016. If you have anything you want to see in the "Sounder", please send to: arbill@hotmail.com.

Please check out all the other events on the PSMC website. The link is:

http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org. I want to thank the PSMC Board for volunteering and their hard and dedicated work to making this club what it is today! Be Safe, Have Fun, and See You at the Next Event! ZoomZoom!

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MEMBERSHIP

The club operates as a non-profit organization and relies primarily on volunteer services. However, sponsorship of events, the publication and mailing of the 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

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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 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!

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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%

Milam Mazda of Puyallup (253) 845-1766 /

University Mazda of Seattle (206) 634-1191

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