

Miata Sounder



THE FIRST OFFICIAL UNITED STATES MIATA CLUB

April/May/June 2021

“New Members' Welcome Drive” April 17, 2021

**Hosted by Ross Scott
11:00 a.m. at the Kidd Valley
Restaurant in Gene Coulon Park,
Renton, WA (An Updated Event!)**

Are you new to the Puget Sound Miata Club and yet to participate in a club event? Or perhaps you have been a member for the last two or three years, wondering what else your club has to offer? Maybe you're a long time member looking to meet new members, have fun and go for a great drive. Come check it out; this event is for you.

Some of the goals of the PSMC is to see you get the most enjoyment from your Miata through club events and activities with like-minded people.

Meet at Gene Coulon Park in Renton near Kidd Valley and buy a takeout lunch there or at Ivar's or bring your own lunch. While in the past we have simply eaten lunch in the restaurant, we have adjusted to meet guidelines for social distancing.

We will grab tables outside the restaurant where we'll socialize for a time and then have a driver's meeting before our great drive on some scenic and fun twisty roads. Some of your PSMC Board Members will be on hand, looking forward to meeting you, explaining “How we do it” and answering questions.

This event is designed for the new member, but all are encouraged to join in. Please plan to come to this fun event and meet some terrific people that enjoy the Miata experience as much as you do.

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The President's Message

By Keith Medleau

While winter has held on in parts of the U.S., spring seems to be settling in nicely here in the beautiful Northwest.

Our recent board meeting on April 3rd took on special importance given the encouraging news that counties were moved into Phase 3 on March 22nd (every county to be reevaluated every three weeks, the first of which will take place on April 12th). Among other things, the meeting discussed the upcoming planned April New Member Drive, and the May Detailin' Day and Drive to Lunch. For the New Member Drive on April 17th and the Drive to Lunch on May 29th, be prepared to bring your own food, snacks, and beverages. For Detailin' Day on May 8th, as of now, the board will provide beverages but members should pack a picnic lunch. Covid restrictions call for masks and social distancing in all public and shared spaces, indoors and outdoors (when not seated and eat-

ing). Also, given the fluidness of the pandemic and the possibility of updates or changes to planned drives/events, please periodically check out the drive/events on the PSMC website and pre-register in advance for them.

Let's Stay Safe!

Though the vaccine roll-out for Covid-19 will make a big difference, it will not eliminate the risk completely. The virus is still out there with some variants that are more infectious. Per CDC and Washington state guidelines, to keep everyone safe continue (even if you have been vaccinated) to utilize safe germ procedures; wear a mask over your nose and mouth, wash hands often, do not hug, keep a safe 6 feet distance from others, and sneeze and cough into your sleeve. If you have a fever, fatigue, nausea, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, headaches or sudden loss of smell and taste, get tested for Covid-19.

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for PSMC
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**Additional Specials
Available. See our
website for details.**

“TWO LANES TO OREGON” RETURNS FOR 2021

Open Event: All Miatas welcome.

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY, JULY 14-15, 2021

Hosted by Dee Dahlke & Duncan Johnson

ToadHallWA@yahoo.com

**253-845-2424 home landline (253-327-4368 Navigator’s
Cell on day of event)**

Your hosts are attending the Willamette Valley Miata Club “Explore Oregon 2021” meet at Eugene, Oregon July 15-18. We’ll be zooming there over two days on some favorite back roads from Puget Sound area with an overnight stop in northern Oregon. You’re invited to join us.

START LOCATION: Meet outside Starbucks at 1129 Harrison Ave., Centralia, WA 98531. This is in front of the big Safeway and across from the outlet malls complex. From I-5 take exit 82 (Outlet Malls) and go NW on Harrison, then left at traffic light into parking lot. Meet Wednesday July 14 at 9:15 AM and leave about 9:30 AM.

The Wednesday night stop will be in Newberg, Oregon. Make your own hotel reservations; several choices are available. Your hosts will be staying at Holiday Inn Express. Thursday we’ll take more back roads to Eugene, arriving in time for the event opening activities.

There will be lunch stops both days and maybe some attractions along the way (as Covid allows). FRS walkie-talkie radios (not old CBs) suggested for this run and the event. Rustic rest room supplies and in-car snacks are also suggested because some of this run is fairly remote.

Please RSVP for this drive on our own PSMC web site calendar (and show your name, don’t be “anonymous”) so your hosts know who’s coming along.

[**NOTE:** You must pre-register separately with WVMC for Explore Oregon to attend that meet. See that host club web site at **<http://www.oregonmx5.com>**]

“Detailin’ Day”

May 8, 2021

Time: 10:00am

**Location: Coop's Miata,
Maple Valley, WA**

(An Updated Event)

THIS IS A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO GET YOUR CARS BUFFED AND SHINED UP, READY FOR THE SUMMER DRIVING WEATHER THAT IS (HOPEFULLY) JUST AHEAD. WE’LL COMMENCE THE ACTIVITIES AT 10 A.M. (NOT A MINUTE BEFORE).

This year's Detailin' Day will be at Coop's Miata in Maple Valley. Bill Cooper, a lifetime member of the club, has offered his property again to host this year's event.

One of our most popular events, the day provides all club members the chance to vacuum and buff their cars in preparation for summer driving.

You can show up at 10 a.m. with your Miata and start the process with vacuuming your car. After that, you can get in line for the buffing station, and follow that with a final coat of wax to bring your baby to it's finest shine. All supplies will be provided by the club and Griot's Garage in Tacoma, another of our sponsors

for this event; all you need to bring is some polishing cloths for the final steps and your own elbow grease.

If you'd like to volunteer to help our expert buffers by buffing and polishing cars, no one would mind. We'll provide the supplies and buffing equipment and you can provide the elbow grease. Our longtime buffers, past and present, will be on hand to coach you through the process. Obviously, we do have a need for some additional volunteer buffers. You can contact Tom Millar at tmillar100451@gmail.com and he'll line you up and explain the process (and the perks) of being a volunteer buffer.

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**PSMC Next Board
Meeting: June 5, 2021
at 11am on the Virtual
Zoom Meeting Website.
Please contact:
board@pugetsoundmiataclub.org
for
additional information.
All members are
welcomed!**

“My Favorite Drive” (er, Navigation)

by Duncan Johnson, Reporter-at-large

This story is coming to you from the passenger seat because my wife (Dee Dahlke) is the Miata owner-driver at our house. That’s fine, as your reporter has been a rally navigator since boyhood and he enjoys finding and following the obscure routes of our club’s road events.

My all-time favorite Miata drive was the multi-day PSMC run to the Monterey (Calif.) Historic Weekend way back in 2001. About 15 PSMC Miata-



as met in Kent, then cut across to Lincoln City, Oregon, and followed the coast highway (US 101 and California 1) all the way to the Monterey Peninsula. The car count expanded and contracted along the way as “civilian” Miatas would tag along with our group for a while. Everybody knows the winding Highway 1 is seriously narrow and we appreciated the petite size of a Mi-

ata when we had to squeeze between whale migrations of oncoming giant RVs while overtaking bicyclists in our own lane. Our little roadsters did a very special morning zooming San Francisco. Crossing the Golden Gate Bridge the lead car paid the toll for the rest of the pack of Miatas, and then we plunged down into the Presidio, starting a mid-morning city drive laid out by one tour member who was a native of The City.

Our formation cruised past the photo-scenic row of “painted ladies” (Victorian Houses), we slammed down Lombard Street (the world’s crookedest street) and we hill-climbed to the top of Twin Peaks. There we all tried their new Power Porta Potties, high tech out-houses which pressure-wash themselves after every user. Our lap of San Francisco was a Miata-size version of the chase in the “Bullitt” movie. Today some local do-gooder would probably Notify The Local Authorities to spoil the fun.

Once we got established in Monterey our group did everything those endless mega-motor-events had to offer, from zooming the very technical Laureles Grade Road to the Pebble Beach Concours d’ Elegance to Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca to a

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Mazda-sponsored dinner featuring the great Paul Frere (1960 LeMans winning driver, European editor of Road & Track, and advisor to Mazda racing.) There is amazing camaraderie across the sports car hobby and here are examples. PSMC Miata's all motored out to Quail Lodge in Carmel Valley to attend the Concorso Italiano, a show of exotic Italian cars that had Ferraris parked four abreast the whole length of a Par-5 golf fairway. Local marque clubs also had reserved parking in the spectator areas for their own favorite brand of sports cars, and at the other extreme from the Ferrari Fairway our Miatas had just as much fun as the high dollar brands. Next day out on the Pebble Beach show lawn we spotted a 1930s Hispano-Suiza giant luxury touring car. It had a flying stork for a radiator ornament and in some kind of a gag this one's beak held a miniature diaper containing a baby “Hot Wheels” Ferrari model. We chatted with the owner and he explained the stork was delivering the next generation of classic car restorers.

Later we discovered he was Jacques Harguindeguy and he had won Best Of Show the previous year. Thus he could get away that stunt and he had no problem talking with us mere mortals.

That event was long ago, but today any enthusiast can get the same effect on a drive that chooses the winding two-lane blacktop on the way to and from Big Miata Weekends like Explore Oregon, Topless Sun Run, Hot Lava and more.

Coop's Garage Swap Meet

Host: [Bill Cooper](#)

June 12, 2021 @ 9:30am

Coop's Miata, 20929 SE 232nd St, Maple Valley, WA

Join Bill Cooper at Coop's Miata garage and bring your equipment, add-ons, or other Miata stuff you no longer want or need. Swap or sell to other Miata enthusiasts.

“Detailin’ Day” Continued

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As in the past, if a non-member wants to detail a car, cost will be \$20 (or you can just join the club for \$30).

Due to guidelines regarding social distancing, we ask that everyone bring their own lunch and a lawn chair for eating. After cars are polished and shined, plan on a little time to enjoy the afternoon and checking out the cars.

Directions to Coop's Miata:

From I-405 take the Maple Valley Hwy. Exit (State Hwy. 169) at Exit 4. Turn right at SE 232nd St (you'll see the Park and Ride on the right and the fire station on the left). Go up the hill to Coop's Miata at 20929 SE 232nd St. Coop's is on the left.

**First Tuesday North-End
Cruise-In Social,
August 3, 2021, 5:30pm
Coure Dell Amante
Pizza and Pasta,
12902 Bothell-Everett
Highway,
Everett, WA**

“Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas”

**Griot’s Garage, 3333 S. 38th St,
Tacoma, WA**

August 7, 2021 @10pm-2pm

It’s time again to mark your calendars to attend the annual Gathering of Miatas. As in past years, we have scheduled the cabana at Griot’s Garage in Tacoma for our event this year. 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. Please RSVP so we can have a head count for the food order. Following lunch, you can view the Miatas and vote for the People’s Choice winners. Additional information is located at the link below:

[http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org/
event-4102894?](http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org/event-4102894?)

Calendar-

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**Snohomish-Skagit
County Exploration
August 21, 2021
Details TBA**

“Annual Pacific Northwest Historic Car Corral”

July 3-4, 2021 8:30am

Pacific Raceways, Kent, WA

The Pacific Northwest Historics is a volunteer-driven event sanctioned by SOVREN (Society of Vintage Racing Enthusiasts) Race Club and the SOVREN Guild of Seattle Children's Hospital. The Historics is the premier vintage sports car race in the Northwest and the largest charity motorsports event in the United States. In 2014, the Pacific Northwest Historics raised \$450,000 for Seattle Children's. These fundraising efforts will improve the lives of many families with children in need.

While the Guild's effort is for charity, don't be misled. The car owners, drivers and crews are in it for the racing. The Pacific Northwest Historics is one of the most popular vintage races on the West Coast, drawing competitors from most western states. In past years, drivers have traveled from as far as Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand and Europe.

Check out the Historics website for new information as it becomes available at <http://sovrenracing.org/pacific-northwest-historics/>

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 generally the first day of the event provides the best opportunity to see all of the cars in action. Since Monday is the actual holiday, this may not impact attendance that much. Races are scheduled for all three days and there should be some great vendor and featured car displays. Please check-out the link for additional information: <http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org/event-4102842?> Calendar-

Puget Sound Miata Club

"Eye On Members"

Name: Bill Hughes

1. When did you become a member of the Puget Sound Miata Club (PSMC)?

1994

2. What do you like to do in the PSMC?

Parades and West side trips.



3. Why do you like Miatas?

29 Years of reliability and the handling!

4. What year did you buy your first Miata?

1992

5. What are the current Miatas you owned now?

1992

6. What is the farthest you have driven in your Miata?

Seattle to San Diego and back, twice.

7. What is your favorite drive?

Run to Astoria OR for their parade 1998.

“PSMC Rewind In Pictures”



“PSMC Rewind In Pictures” Continued



“PSMC Rewind In Pictures” Continued



“Drive to Lunch”

9:30am on May29, 2021

Host: Ross Scott

Join me for one of the first drives of the year as we explore some interesting back roads in the north end of the Puget Sound.

This is a straightforward 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.

Plan to bring a sack lunch so we can observe social distancing guidelines in place for Washington. We'll eat at our destination before you make your way home.

From here, everyone can make their way home through Arlington to Highway 9, and from there, connect to I-5 if desired. Of course one can always trace the route in reverse, or get lost on the maze of parallel roads on return.

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 two 15 minute rest stops spaced somewhat evenly.

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!

Drive From The Past

“Umpteenth Annual South Bend Road Run - 2014 Edition”

Sunday, August 31, 2014

Hosts: Dee Dahlke & Duncan Johnson (in her '99 silver “Road Dancer”)

It was a dark and stormy night... but by breakfast time at Country Cousin in Centralia the roads were dry, clouds were scattering and the roadster tops came down. Miata enthusiasts attending in addition to your reporters/hosts (NB) were John Boespflug (NA), Karen & John Brau (NB), Jodie & Garrett Polehonka (NB),



Bob Reeder (NC), and Sally & Bob Thomas (NB). We got out of town by the most rural route toward Galvin, then over Cook's Hill almost to Littell.

By now we were in full sunshine, the day was warming nicely, and we

turned southwest toward Curtis and Boistfort, including one blind over-the-hill-crest plunging downhill right-90 which rivaled the start of the corkscrew at Laguna Seca, only reversed. Miss that one and you'll end up on some neighbor's garage roof! It was followed shortly by a left-90 around Dead Man's Curve (well, there is a cemetery inside the apex). Zoom-zoom! Eventually we picked up Pe Ell McDonald Road (nicely repaved, just for us), all the time basking in the sights and smells of late summer turning into fall. Hayfields had been cut one last time, farms were being buttoned up for winter, deer were browsing, bald eagles soaring, and morning campfire smoke wafted out of the Lions' campground as we passed.

Our little group motored into the sleepy Pe Ell metropolitan complex from the southwest and had our usual pit stop at their

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rails-to-trails park. Dee observed all our cars were some shade of gray or blue, and we lacked only green to make a Seahawks football team display. The Brau and Polehonka machines had Seahawks decor on board, however, so all agreed that at the parade start we'd become a Seahawks themed entry.

And so it was. After one more zoom up and down our secret route over Fern Hill --with

marbles at the apex of the hairpin for additional fun -- we registered at the parade start, unit no. 39 of about 50 entries; the parade has shrunk so much from its glory days. We arranged ourselves in color-keyed order with two strategically placed Miatas



in full Seahawks regalia, and the crowds went wild as our “12th Miata” squad passed.

There was some debate about whether the number of parade spectators was same size as usual or had diminished, but one thing is certain: there were enough conspicuously pregnant women spectating that in a couple of years the numbers will be up again for sure! This parade is a certified Big Deal for a lot of the nice folks in Pacific County, and PSMC can take pride in putting together an annual entry that so well enhances their Production.

At the finish line the organizers gave everyone bottles of ice water (much appreciated, thanks) and our roadsters headed out various directions, with one creative Miata popping out and

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“Safety Topics And Upgrades” By Robert Reinach

The Cravenspeed brand LED light strip, sold by Mossmiata, that adheres to the inner edge of the trunk between the brake lights sells for \$75, NOT the \$50 I mistakenly cited.

This is a running light that makes the Miata more visible at night, but is not a brake light.

Safety studies are compelling in their consistent finding that the pulsing center brake light REGISTER on drivers, and thus the Pulsing Center Brake Light routinely saves rear end collisions and cost \$50 to add to the Miata.

Caltrend Seatcover Company in North Hollywood, CA is kindly working on a prototype, neoprene black custom Miata seat cover for me that would accommodate a

memory foam, lower back narrow wedge seat cushion that I sent to their design team. This simple seat modification transforms the ND Miata seat, which IMO is unsupportive for more than brief drives, into a Lexus comfortable seat.

“New Members’ Welcome Drive”

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The plan is to start at 11 a.m. with lunch, social time and presentations. At around 11:30 or 11:45, we will gather in the parking lot for a “drivers’ meeting” before heading off for a one-hour adventure of fun roads. It should end by 3 p.m. Please RSVP so we (and the restaurant) can plan for you.

**Miata Fly-In July 17,
2021 @ 8am Meet-up
Monroe
and/or
Lynnwood, WA
Hosted by
Ingvar Carlson
Details in the Next
Sounder!**

**Run to
Port Angeles
July 31, 2021
@ 8:30am
Port Gamble, WA
General Store
Hosted by Bill Bell**

Upcoming Events — Something for Everyone!

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

Please check the Puget Sound Miata Club for the official 2021 events and updates:

<http://www.http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org/PSMCEventCalendar>

2021

April: Apr 17 New Members' Welcome Drive

May: May 08 Detailin' Day

May 29 Drive to Lunch

Jun: Jun 05 PSMC board meeting

Jun 12 Coop's Garage Swap Meet

Jun 26 Fathoms O' Fun Parade

Jul: Jul 03 Annual Pacific Northwest Historic Car Corral

Jul 04 Kingston 4th Of July Parade

Jul 14 Two Lanes to Oregon

Jul 15 Explore Oregon (hosted by Willamette Valley Miata Club)

Jul 17 Miata Fly-In

Jul 24 Silverdale Whaling Days Parade - **Cancelled**

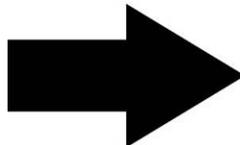
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Puget Sound Miata Club

website link:

<http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org/>

Miata Helpful Link: <https://www.miata.net/>



The President's Message Continued

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for Covid-19. More information can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> and <https://coronavirus.wa.gov>.

Our next board meeting is June 5th. If you wish to have input on club drives and events, you are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Stay safe and well!

Zoom ... Zoom, Keith

"Drive From The Past Umpteenth Annual South Bend Road Run - 2014 Edition"

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and blocking the post parade traffic stampede so the rest of us could merge into the street. This club gets so clever! A half dozen of us motored smoothly to Aberdeen and wrapped up with Sunday dinner at Billy's Bar & Grill, socializing in their vintage saloon-bordello atmosphere, which seemed "just right" to conclude a big day of Sports Motor-ing.



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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.** 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)**. Puget Sound Miata Club
Sean McGriff
222 Wells Ave N
Renton, WA 98057

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):

Coop's Miata of Maple Valley (425) 432-9666

Doug's Lynnwood Mazda (425) 774-3551

Mazda of Everett (425) 353-3403

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Milam Mazda of Puyallup (253) 845-1766 /

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

Lee Johnson Mazda, (425) 947-4552