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The Oldest Miata Club in the World*

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PSMC'S Holiday Party

Saturday, December 8, 2007; 6 PM - 11 PM

Renton Community Center
1715 Maple Valley Hwy

Hosted by your PSMC Board

Article by Bonnie Lohkamp

The annual PSMC Holiday Party will be held once again at the Renton Community Center on Saturday, December 8th, 2007. The schedule will be as follows:

- 6 PM – 7 PM: Social Hour
- 7 PM – 8 PM: Dinner
- 8 PM – 9 PM: Prize Raffle and Awards
- 9 PM – 11 PM: Dancing to the music of DJ Dabbs



As you can see, due to popular demand, we will have DJ Dabbs returning to provide the music for dancing once again. The menu, with two new choices, will be provided by the Renton Technical Center Culinary Group. You will need to request one of the following entrees when making your RSVP:

- Prime Rib OR
- Halibut with Ginger/Lime Sauce OR
- Grilled Rosemary Lemon Chicken served with a Lemon/Caper Sauce.

Accompanying the entrees will be a Caesar Salad, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Rolls and Butter and sauces for the Prime Rib. Desserts will be provided by the PSMC Board. Wine, Beer, sodas and water will also be available. Cost for the Wine and Beer will be \$3.00 each, with the soda and water being complimentary by PSMC.

Once again, Gayle Lazur has donated her time share at a destination of your choice (depending upon availability) as the grand prize, plus we will have many more raffle prizes to give out.

PLEASE don't forget to bring an unwrapped toy (not to exceed \$10.00) to put under the tree for the Toys for Tots program. Your generosity will be rewarded when a special child, who would not normally receive a gift on Christmas morning, finds that Santa did not forget them.

Cost of the Holiday Party will stay the same: \$25.00 per person. **PLEASE RSVP** using the website and email Cindy Smith at tomaci@verizon.net with your entrée selection. We highly encourage that you make your payment in advance (although you can pay at the door). You can send a check, made to the order of PSMC to: Cindy Smith, 11908 215th PL SE, Snohomish, WA 98296. Please RSVP and email your entrée selections **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2007**. We will need to get a headcount for the caterers.

There is also a reserved block of 10 rooms (5 King Bed and 5 Queen Bed) at the Quality Inn located across the highway at 1850 SE Mapleview, Renton. They are going for a rate of \$79.00 plus tax for those of you that would like to relax and not drive home after the party. The hotel can be reached at 425-226-7600. You must mention Puget Sound Miata Club when placing your reservation to get the special rate. The rooms will be held until November 30th before they are released to the general public.

This will be a wonderful festive affair and we hope to see many of you there to celebrate the holiday season with your Miata family.





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upcoming events

December Parades

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1 Shelton Holiday Parade @ 5:00 PM



Once again, PSMC will be participating in the evening Christmas parade in Shelton, WA. This is a very fun and festive parade - especially with it being in the evening. We have lots of fun decorating our cars with holiday lights and decorations. We will be carrying members of royalty in the parade as well as being entered as a car club. If you are not already in the spirit, then this parade will get you there for sure.

Please RSVP thru the website. For more information contact Bonnie Lohkamp at 425-347-0361 or at blohkamp@comcast.net. Hope to see you there!!

Upcoming Get-togethers

Tom & Lindanne Gores' 2nd Annual Holiday Open House



Saturday, December 29, 2007 @ 5PM

Tom and I are planning our 2nd annual "Hectic-Christmas-Season-is-almost-over-let's-Celebrate" Open House. Plus this year we are also celebrating Tom's new employment and having the weekends to ourselves, a first in many years.

So to celebrate, Our Open House will be on Saturday, Dec 29th. YES!! A weekend afternoon-evening time!

Please RSVP to either Lindanne at Lindanne@comcast.net or on the website calendar at www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org.

January Monthly Social

Saturday, January 12, 2008 @ 6 PM

Hosted by Bonnie & Larry Lohkamp
 7701 Hardeson Unit 29, Everett

The popular monthly socials will be back for 2008 and we will start off with the first one held at our home in Everett, WA. These socials had their beginning last year and became extremely popular, so we decided to bring them back again. It is a nice way to get together with your Miata family during the long dark days of winter. There is no specific plan to these socials but we never have a lack of subjects to talk about. We will be providing chicken cooked in three different ways - in other words "something to please all." We will also provide some snacks so please bring something to compliment the meal and your favorite beverage. Please RSVP thru the website. If you have any questions just give us a call at 425-347-0361 or email us at blohkamp@comcast.net. Hope to see many of you again this year.

Directions to Bonnie's: From North or South I-5: Take exit 189 onto WA - 526 West, going towards Mukilteo/Whidbey Island; take the Evergreen Way exit; left turn onto Evergreen; right on Casino Road; right on 5th Ave W. which turns into Hardeson Road. Go about 1/2 mile to 7701 Hardeson, which is on the right. Turn into the community and take a right at the first stop sign. Go down about a block and a half and our unit is #29 on the left (it will be the one with the Miatas around it)

upcoming events

Sounder Workshop

Sunday, January 6, 2008 @ 2PM

11908 215th PI SE

Snohomish, WA

Hosted by Cindy Smith

Now that Charlotte has volunteered to edit the Sounder come spring, we thought it might be a good idea to have a Sounder workshop party. This workshop is not only for Charlotte to learn the ropes, but also for those who might be interested in helping her in the future and the club's board members and officers. There is many a time when life gets in the way and an extra set of hands would come in handy. Besides, it only makes sense to have others on hand that know the ins and outs of producing a quality newsletter in case of an emergency.

Therefore, on Sunday, January 6th, I will be holding an informal workshop at my home. I'll have both my computers set up and/or if you would like to bring your own laptops, we can download Pagemaker and Adobe Photoshop and you can work with the comfort of your own computer. The workshop will consist of editing articles, formatting photos for both color and black and white printing, downloading clip art, learning how to get around in Pagemaker and Adobe Photoshop and basic newsletter layout.

After our workshop, a lasagna dinner with all the trimmings will be provided for our workshop attendees. Spouses are more than welcomed to join us. In fact, Tom will more than likely be watching the playoffs on our Hi-Def TV and invites anyone who wants to join him!

Please RSVP using either the website or to me directly at tomaci@verizon.net by Thursday, January 3rd so I have an accurate headcount for dinner. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 360-668-5508 or email me at the above email address.

Directions to Cindy and Tom's @ 11908 215th PI SE:

From North or Southbound I-405: take the Hwy 522 exit (exit 23) east to Wenatchee/Monroe. Stay on Hwy 522 until you come to the overpass (it will be after the light signals at Paradise Lake Road). Take the Fales/Echo Lake Road exit. At lights, turn right onto Echo Lake Road. Go about 1 mile and make left turn onto 215th PI SE at the Echo Wood Development (right after the big horse complex on the left and Quinn's Crossing on the right). We are the first house on the right; two-story yellow house with brown trim.



Northend Planning Mtg and Board Meeting

Saturday, January 26, 2008 @ 11AM

Los Portrillos Mexican Restaurant

8825 Evergreen Way, Everett

Hosted by PSMC Board

The January Planning meeting will be held in the North Sound at Los Potrillos Mexican Restaurant in Everett. We will have a private area of the restaurant set aside for us and will be able to order off of the regular menu with separate checks. There will also be a board meeting following the planning meeting and all members are invited. If you couldn't make it to the South End meeting, then come on up to the North End and get your event on the calendar for next year. However, even if you don't have an event yet, it is also a great time to get together with your Miata family. With the dark, rainy, cold weather setting in, we tend to enter a quieter time of the year and so this provides a great opportunity to catch up with all.

Please RSVP thru the website. Hope to see many of you at the meeting with some great events for the new year.

Driving directions:

From North or South I-5: Take exit 189 onto WA – 526 West, going towards Mukilteo/Whidbey Island; take the Evergreen Way exit; left turn onto Evergreen; head down Evergreen for about a mile and a half or so. The restaurant will be on your left hand side (right across from American Tire and Car Care)



Coming in February

North Sound Wineries Tour

Date: To Be Determined

Hosted by Tom & Lindanne Gores

Tom and Lindanne Gores will be hosting the Red Wine and Chocolate tour on the Olympic Peninsula this year. Keep an eye on the website and next month's Sounder for detailed information.

Remember

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The Last Hurrah: Haunted Places 2007 Tour

By Dee Dahlke and Duncan Johnson (1999 Silver "Road Dancer")

This PSMC seasonal Halloween run was Cindy & Tom Smith's sixth and final version of their annual production, and assisted by Sophia & Patrick McSherry they gave everyone an over-the-top spectacular run. We had a frost-on-the-pumpkin morning at our house, followed by dense fog (so typical for late October in the Northwest,) but we had an easy drive to Tacoma where about a dozen Miatas gathered for lunch at Freighthouse Square. That's the old haunted freight warehouse of the Milwaukee Railroad, now a centre of shoppes. Haunted? We sense a theme a-building here. The tour group included Fred & Sandi Holler, A.J. & Vicki McGranaghan, Paul Patino and Kim Gile, Bob & Marti Mott, Tom & Cindy Millar, Jim & Sally Hightchew, Mindy Bohnas, Garth Saylor and Jana Lovey, Charlotte Fellers, along with your reports and hosts. This would be a leisurely cruise, not a zoom-zoom speed run, as we'd be going through some historic slices of Tacoma, Steilacoom, and Lakewood, unexplored territory for many people. Our hosts equipped us with bags of Halloween candy, a large bound tour guide with Cindy's extensive historic notes interspersed among the rally-type route instructions, and a CD of 22 truly bizarre ghosts-and-goblins theme songs, such as "I Think My Sister's Boy Is A Vampire." Where DOES Tom find this stuff?



Everyone got their packets? Photo by Tom Smith.

The sun came out, the roadster tops were lowered, the parkas went on against October's Bright Blue Weather, and we were off, right up Pacific Avenue, the old main drag of Tacoma, past the haunted Old City Hall tower. We went out along the Ruston Way waterfront passing the old maybe-haunted Sperry Ocean Dock, the no-doubt-haunted remains of the old Dickman Mill, the surely-haunted memory of the old Top Of The Ocean restaurant, and the must-be-haunted antique fireboat before we got the the site of the haunted-by-heavy-metals former Asarco smelter. There the road veered through a narrow dank tunnel under the railroad. We were advised to turn on headlights and toot our horns to warn approaching traffic (there is a blind turn coming out of the tunnel.) Any tunnel ghosts were certainly displaced by the shrieking of several Miata "razzberry" horns. They

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were much more eloquent than the gentle mooing of the cow Buick, more typically heard there.

After driving a couple of blocks through ye olde haunted village of Ruston we entered Point Defiance Park, not stopping at its haunted pagoda. As we passed the zoo some large animal (or its ghost?) roared and bellowed, perhaps thinking the roadster occupants looked like Humans On The Half Shell. Our route took us along Five Mile Scenic Drive, with instructions NOT to veer off toward Owen Beach. Well, true to tradition, dontcha know, up front Tom-n-Cindy DID veer off to Owen Beach, taking the first half of the tour group with them. The stragglers, carefully following instructions, then found themselves in the lead! In the back we were doing OK until we encountered a "gaze" of about a dozen raccoons (yes, trivia buffs, a grouping of raccoons is called a "gaze") who were posing at the roadside and begging for handouts. An urban version of the bears' traffic jams at Yellowstone Park. Also we noted that the "Bridge" scenic overlook point in the park has had its sign crudely re-lettered to call it the "BridgeS" scenic overlook point, now that there are two Narrows Bridges. Eventually both groups of Miatas got to the haunted Fort Nisqually for a rest stop and casual car show for passersby. While we were parked, one of the many passing bicyclists called out "Deanna!" and stopped to talk with Dee. Under her helmet and goggles we recognized a former co-worker; she had recognized Dee's Miata. Bet that wouldn't have happened if we had been driving the typical generic greyish-beige minivan. Now, for readers who like really creepy coincidences(?) on an event like this, Cindy's published Tour Guide had a little story about the Ghost of Five Mile Drive – a young bicyclist named Jennifer who was murdered on that road. The bicyclist who appeared out of nowhere to greet Dee was also named Jennifer. You do the math; we're afraid to go there.



Break time at Ft. Nisqually. That's Jennifer on the bike talking with Dee! Photo by Tom Smith.

Out of the park we crossed above the freeway near the haunted Narrows Bridges, then plunged down to the haunted Titlow Beach on our winding way to Steilacoom. That meant we got to take in several of the traffic roundabouts which the city of
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It was a Miata Convoy!

Articles by Cindy Smith (Part 1) &

Dee & Duncan ('99 Silver "Road Dancer") (Part 2)

It was our last operation of the year – and maybe for longer. Due to the bombardment of the previous months, this tour found us flying by the seat of our pants. Arriving early on a cold, misty morning at the Smokey Point base camp, I pulled from the trunk our only weapons for the day's skirmish: a Thomas Guide map, a napkin and a pen. While waiting for our small unit to arrive, I spread the Thomas Guide out on the trunk of our convoy vehicle and mapped out a rough strategy route for the day on the paper napkin. Our goal? The PSMC takeover of VFW Post 2995 located on 148th in Redmond.

Once our unit was all assembled and ready to go, instructions were given out. Follow the lead car; no driving instructions were handed out; we didn't want our information to fall into enemy hands.

Over hill, over dale, along the river, through small hamlets and forests all ablaze with color, our small band wound its way on such a twisty, winding route in the back country of Arlington and Granite Falls that would befuddle the best of scouts, much less any friendly faces that would actually like to join our troop. However, one lone soldier (well, yeoman) did manage to catch our unit when we stood down for five at the local Fred Meyer's in Monroe.

From there, we made a straight assault into Redmond along the Snoqualmie Valley, taking a detour around the horse farms in Carnation to throw any enemy snipers off, and then it was up the Redmond/Fall City Hwy to Hwy 520. A drop over the hill and our destination was in sight.

Takeover was friendly; our mission accomplished. Now if only our small Band of Brothers from the south were as lucky . . .

After observing Morning Colors at our respective bases, the units in the convoy up from the Baja rendezvoused at their I.P. ("Initial Point") at Bertolino Bros. espresso stand in the Allenmore area of Tacoma. The Miatas were parked in a strict formation, and the convoy was to be color-keyed with alternating units of red/burgundy or silver. Roll call and personnel inspection were held and these units were present: Dahlke-Johnson, Gores, Holler, McGranahan, Mott and Ohlsen. The uniform of the brisk Veterans' Day was "tops up" (there was one exception!) but the very threatening clouds to the north never released any rain on us. Now that IS unusual: a military operation taking place in decent weather! Veterans of all services except the U.S. Marines were represented in our group. We formed up into a chow line in the coffee shop (well, of course, we veterans are used to lines) alphabetically according to height and square root of service number, the better to confuse enemy spies. Once underway, Convoy Commander Ohlsen had his troops execute a "column right, harch!" onto So. 19th St. and all units manned battle stations for a possible Opposed Transit through the Hilltop OPAREA. The enemy failed to appear and the Miata crews secured from General Quarters with zero rounds expended and all weapons' bores clear. Leaving Tacoma the convoy rolled out on new heading 355 True and followed state route "fi-yiv zayro niner" (that's requisite Voice Radio Procedure for "509")

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across the tide flats.

Climbing into Northeast Tacoma and passing the Cliff House (famous from a past First Friday Formal run) we commenced zig-zagging as a torpedo defense or perhaps just because this road has a dandy set of twisties through the Brown's Point and Dash Point territories. We emerged on old highway Niner-Niner near Verrazano's restaurant (again see First Friday Formal history) and noted the significant highway construction which is turning this road from a seedy "strip" into a thoroughfare worthy of its new name "International Boulevard." The forward air controllers vectored us west and north around Sea-Tac, again following 509 for a quick freeway shot until we descended into the heavy industrial area of West Marginal Way. That's fascinating to contemplate on a sleepy Sunday morning when there is little business activity. A dandy large scale autocross under/around/through the West Seattle Bridge structure sent us toward Alki Point and the Don Armeni boat launch where the Umemoto unit awaited.

Everyone made a rest stop and, wouldn't you know, there was a line in the head/latrines too, just for tradition. One civilian boater there did notice the unit ballcaps, service sweatshirts, etc. we vets were wearing and he was thanking us for our service and wishing us Happy Veterans' Day. How nice! It sure wasn't like that about 5 wars ago.

Operational Command was handed off to Umemoto for the next segment, and Randy and Rosa had a defunct CB, so they were leading while observing radio silence. "Road Dancer" then slotted into second position and radioed the leaders' movements to the cars following. This route took us south on West Marginal in a rather attractive seasonal whirlwind of fallen yellow leaves to highway Five-Niner-Niner, then off to Interurban, backtracking through Allentown, reversing the route of a past PSMC Turkey Teaser Rally, and up the hill to "Initial Mike symbol-for-period, initial Lima symbol-for-period, King (I spell kilo-india-november-golf) Way" and followed it (M.L. King Way, if you didn't pick up the previous radiospeak) down into Renton proper. After passing the Mucho Bueno restaurant (see above about Turkey Teaser Rally) we mostly got onto Lake Washington Boulevard, but there was a slight delay and we all stopped to await some stragglers who got trapped by traffic lights and ill-marked turns. We aren't too familiar with the East Side, but we recall cruising through Newcastle and entering the Dreaded 405 Slog at Coal Creek. That lead us to Freeway 520 for a short hop to the 148th exit, and the local VFW Post where we stood down from the convoy.

The VFW is a surprising oasis of analog lifestyle planted directly in the Land of the Digital Giants (Microsoft, Nintendo, etc.) Naturally there was a another line to get checked-in (non-VFW guests were sponsored by Tom Smith.) In the bar there was one more line to buy beer from the rather busy barmaid, but that presented the opportunity to socialize with the local vets present, which is what we came for. The place was populated by the usual Band Of Brothers (and some Sisters) who you'd find in any VFW post or Legion hall anywhere in the world. Heads sported ballcaps advertising long-past wars and umpteenth reunions of some outfit nobody else had ever heard of, and the one automotive ballcap present was plugging Buick. This reporter noted

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University Place has installed for the pleasure of sports car drivers. Since we were in “caboose” position, Road Dancer could easily take an extra hot lap around each traffic circle for fun, then we would catch up to the pack. Imagine our surprise when we found a yellow hardtop Miata had joined the tour in front of us while we were lapping the first circle! While we were doing the second roundabout a Jaguar X-Type sedan inserted itself in the pack. It subsequently left our route, but the new Miata stayed with us to the Steilacoom rest stop, and we all made friends there. The new person was Julie, Jana Lovey’s sister, and her boyfriend who owns umpteen more Miatas joined us at the finish.



And Julie made THIRTEEN! Always did want a Haunted Places Tour with 13 cars! Photo by Tom Smith.

We left Steilacoom, home of the haunted E.R. Rogers mansion (no longer a restaurant, sigh) and took some little-known back roads, avoiding the ghosts of the Western State Lunatic Asylum, but thus passing Steilacoom Lake, which is haunted by its own Loch Ness Monster named “Whe-atchee.” We did not go to the nearby famously-haunted Thornewood Castle, which could be an event in its own right, although their prices are breathtakingly out of our price range. (This ain’t no Lamborghini club.) Did you know that we also passed the site of the old Tacoma Speedway? It was a high-banked board oval, and part of the Indy Car championship trail nearly a century ago. Its area must surely be haunted by spirits of old racers. Then our route went up South Tacoma Way, which has the unique grittiness of any former “auto row,” and on through the University of Puget Sound, where the notorious murderer Ted Bundy supposedly buried his first victim. People have reported seeing the girl victim walking the halls of one university building. As for us, we thought we saw a bleached skeleton walking down the sidewalk. Turned out to be a college age girl with very pale skin and light blond hair and wearing a black outfit. We think. We weren’t about to go back and check her out for sure; too creepy for us.

Our route got interesting on our way back to downtown Tacoma, when the instructions called for “Left on 6th” and the whole group did it perfectly, with rally precision. Only we had turned on North 6th STREET, instead of 6th AVENUE where we were supposed to go. Our local guide Patrick skidded to a halt and turned around so he could take the lead when the rest of us came back. Which we soon did. That is, after we put on a small autocross for the benefit of several crews of utility workers digging up some neigh-

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borhood. Some nearby house was probably haunted and its ghost seduced us into going down there. So we zoom-zoomed downtown and around the historic Pantages Theater, which like all theaters keeps a “ghost light” illuminated over the stage when no one is there, so the resident spirits don’t trip over the props. We motored past the haunted Masonic Lodge to the old Washington State History Museum where there is an Egyptian mummy on display and every time they turn a floodlight on him, the bulb suddenly burns out. Apparently his spirit has been sleeping for a few thousand years and he’s not ready to be disturbed.

The finish line was at McSherry Manor, their century old four-square-style home overlooking Old Town Tacoma with a zillion dollar view of Commencement Bay. It should be on the local Tour Of Historic Homes some day. We did not find any ghosts there, but who knows? The hosts also offered multiple rest rooms, hot coffee, hot spiced cider, and high energy cookies, all of which were most appreciated after an afternoon out in the autumn breezes, and were enjoyed with the usual post-event socializing. “Haunted Places 2007” was a perfect example of what a “big tent” our Miata hobby is. There is room under that tent for good events of every description. Of course we all enjoy the traditional autocrosses, big club meets, and zooming tours to exotic places, but we can also have a great drive doing something as off-the-wall as cruising through the spooky historic subsets of an urban area. “Quality time,” indeed.

Curious George Sighting!



Curious George came to the Haunted Places Tour with Fred and Sandi Holler. It was said he really enjoyed the tour, but got a little spooked when driving by the zoo where he heard the bears roaring for their breakfast.

At Fort Nisqually, he made a break for A.J. and Vicki McGranaghan’s Miata, thinking it must be safer since they had their ferocious guard dog with them (who, by the way, was sporting the latest fashions in doggie sweaters!). Curious George spent the last part of the tour with the McGranaghan’s and was last seen speeding away with them to the McGranaghan’s home in Lakewood.

Rumor had it that George was supposed to be on the Veteran’s Day Tour, but he was nowhere to be seen. Hmmmmm, wonder where he will turn up next?

2007 SCCA Results

By Denise Williamson



The 2007 autocross season has come to an end with SCCA #8 in Bremerton. October 21 was chilly and wet, but that didn't stop 120 entrants from a fun day of autocrossing. In Stock 3, **Dieter Beldi** was second in his Mazdaspeed3 with a DS indexed time of 45.191. **Chris Halstead**, in a Mazda RX-7, placed sixth in Non-Stock 2 with a CSP indexed time of 55.668. Street Mod 2 had the usual 1-2-3 PSMC Miata finish with **Rickey Carlson** in third (65.372), **Brett Wilson** in second (59.414), and **Enrique Garcia** in first (58.587). Open PAX was also popular with PSMC drivers, with **Alan Dahl** in 12th in his Pontiac Solstice GXP (AS indexed 51.856), **Tim Irwin** in 10th in his Miata (ES indexed 45.878), and **Glen Hernandez** in eighth in a Lotus Elise (SS indexed 42.394). Rounding things out was **John Kabigting** in second in Novice AM in his Miata (64.996). Top Ten Times kudos for this event go to **Glen Hernandez**. He placed eighth in Top Indexed Times, and fifth in Top Unindexed Times.

SCCA season trophies are awarded based on the best six of eight events. Eight PSMC drivers qualified for a season trophy. **Tim Irwin** finished the year in 11th place in Open PAX with a total of 550.409 points. **Alan Dahl** finished in 10th place in Open PAX with 562.768 points. **Glen Hernandez** finished in fourth place with 589.896 points. In Non-Stock 4, **Russ Hill** finished in 9th place with 528.431 points. **Dieter Beldi** finished first in Stock 3 with 599.661 points. **Brett Wilson** also finished first, but in Street Mod 2, with 598.444 points. **Enrique Garcia**

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finished in second place in Street Mod 2 with 598.179 points. **Rickey Carlson** finished third in Street Mod 2 with 547.313 points.

It was a great season for PSMC drivers! Will we be seeing you out there next year? Do you have any questions? Feel free to contact me at autocross1@pugetsoundmiataclub.org

New Faces

We hope to meet you at an event soon!

By Randy Umemoto

No new faces this month!



Familiar Faces

Try a new Miata Event this year!

Mike & Lourea Garka	99 Sapphire	9 yrs
Raymond & Elsje Houghton	97 Marina Green	10 yrs
Helen Kester	00 Mahogany Mica	12 yrs
Bill & Nancy De Selover	99 Silver	4 yrs
Frank Shriver & Carol Kus	93 Red	7 yrs
Bill & Mary Dee Countiss	90 Montego Blue	13 yrs
Andrew Burns	97 Montego Blue	2 yrs
Charley & Nancy Drake	95 Merlot	6 yrs
Jeff & Peggy Tague	99 Silver	3 yrs
Sandra Huber	Red	14 yrs
Kay Wilson	92 White	15 yrs
Terry & Patti Kartes	92 Red	14 yrs
Dean & Pamela Hiestand	92 Sunburst Yellow	3 yrs
Bill Bell	06 Copper Red	1 yr
Robert & Evelyn Gunther	91 Silver	15 yrs
Cec & Steve Sparling	04 Silver	4 yrs
Leif & Peggie Loe	96 Red	8 yrs

Classifieds

AUTOS FOR SALE

1993 Miata

Black with tan leather interior, package C, 106,000 miles. 5 SP manual with super charger and chrome everywhere. Original owner with original paperwork & never been wrecked. Power windows, power locks, stock Pioneer AM/FM cassette/CD player. Lots of upgrades include: A/C, chrome style bar, spoiler, dual exhaust, suspension, 15" chrome wheels with Yokohama tires, Cobra type chrome gas cap, modified stationary headlights.

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PARTS FOR SALE

BRAND NEW, NEVER USED COCKPIT COVER FROM MOSS for a '99 Miata or older. Cost was \$49.90 with shipping. Price negotiable. Call Dana at 425-349-3460 or email at danaruthwilber@hotmail.com.

No More Stars on Thars

By Cindy Smith

[Image and idea for title taken from Dr. Seuss' *Sneetches and Other Stories*.]



PSMC is proud to announce their new awards program. We figured that after the last seven years or so of giving out stars in recognition of members hosting events, that our event hosts had enough stars to fill their own personal skies. And while the stars did acknowledge and show appreciation for our event hosts, the club decided it wanted to give something back for all the hard work our event hosts willingly give to make our club the special organization it is. So, instead of the stars, starting at this year's award ceremony at the Holiday Party, PSMC will now award our event hosts the following:

- For one (1) day event: \$15.00 PSMC Gift Certificate good off of one (1) year's club membership dues.
- For two (2) or more day events: \$30.00 PSMC Gift Certificate good off of one (1) year's club membership dues.
- For an overnight event: \$30.00 PSMC Gift Certificate good off of one (1) year's club membership dues.
- For a First Friday Formal: \$10.00 PSMC Gift Certificate good off of (1) year's club membership dues.
- For a Monthly Social: \$10.00 PSMC Gift Certificate good off of (1) year's club membership dues.
- For an event that has co-hosts: Gift Certificate will be divided equally among the hosts. For example, for a day event that has two hosts, each host will receive a \$7.50 Gift Certificate. For an overnighter with three hosts, each host will receive a \$10.00 gift certificate.

In order to make this work, of course, we must follow some rules, so please note that:

- PSMC Gift Certificates are only redeemable for the following year they are issued.
- PSMC Gift Certificates are not allowed to be accrued; they must be used the following year or they will expire.
- Gift certificates must be redeemed at the time membership is due. – not before or after – and that it is the Recipients responsibility to redeem their gift certificates with their annual membership dues.
- Board Members and/or officers will NOT be responsible to keep track of issued Gift Certificates. Lost or misplaced gift certificates will not be replaced.

Also, we would like to recognize those individuals who consistently turn out to help with meeting the club's needs and demands. Namely: those who can be relied on to show up at parades to carry royalty and those who take the time to write articles for the Sounder so the editor has something to print!

Stars continued next column

CEO Message

By Cindy Smith

I wish to announce my resignation as PSMC's CEO. This will become effective on December 30, 2007. I apologize for not being able to complete my term but unfortunately due to overwhelming circumstances I came to the conclusion that it would be in the better interest of the club that I step down.

Mindy Bohnas, who has been an integral part of PSMC, will be stepping in to complete my term. Mindy has a lot of great ideas and wonderful enthusiasm for the club and I am sure she will do a great job.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve PSMC for the last five years. I may be stepping down from the politics of the club, but I still hope to see many of you on future runs and events.

Thanks to all of you for all your support and wonderful words of encouragement and thanks through the years.



And From the Editor's Desk Only Five More



By Cindy Smith

There's a new editor coming!

A big thank you to Charlotte Fellers for stepping forward and volunteering to take over the duties of Sounder Editor.

This isn't the first time that Charlotte has "bailed me out." In her first year as a PSMC member, not only did she help a distraught president (me) find a wonderful venue for our annual Holiday Party, but she also helped out with the desserts and set-up that year. If I have ever needed a helping hand, she has been one of the first to step forward.

However, you are going to have to put up with me for a few more months. Charlotte has some other obligations until April, so until then, I will continue on as Sounder Editor.

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For those participants, we will be offering gift certificates to Michaels for our top parade participants and Barnes and Nobles gift certificates for our top writers.

In addition to our event hosts, we also want to recognize those members who volunteer their time, energy and creative skills towards the betterment of our club. So for those who volunteer for the appointed positions of database coordinator, parade coordinator, editor and web maintenance, we will be offering free yearly memberships for each and every year the position is filled.

Well, that's it. I hope each and every one of you take advantage of our new awards program. If you would like more information on the awards program, please don't hesitate to contact one of your board members.

President's Message

By Bonnie Lohkamp, PSMC President

As I write this article, it is already the week of Thanksgiving. Time has certainly flown by and it sure seems to move quicker once the Holiday season is upon us. It must be because we tend to try to do so much in such a short period of time.



This month we have our annual Holiday Party on Saturday, December 8 at the Renton Community Center. If you have not RSVP'd please get your reservation and meal selection in ASAP as the time is drawing near. The elves (your board members) are very busy planning lots of fun and have added some new twists, so a great evening is planned. Besides, what better way than to spend the evening then with your Miata family?

Also on the December calendar is the Gores's 2nd annual Holiday Open House on the 29th. We went last year and found it a wonderful way to unwind as the holiday season draws to a close.

Our first planning meeting was held on November 4th in the South End and the calendar is starting to take shape for next year. However, we still have plenty of room for more events, so we will be having another planning meeting in the north end on Saturday, January 26th. Make sure you get your events ready and we can place them on the calendar then. If you are unable to attend just drop me a note at blohkamp@comcast.net and I can take care of getting it on the calendar for you. There will also be a board meeting after the planning meeting. We will be discussing some new policies and upcoming changes for the club. If you would like to see something new or something old regarding the club addressed, please come and join us. All members are encouraged and invited to attend our board meetings. We can't address your problems or ideas if we don't know what they are.

On behalf of the PSMC Board, I would like to personally wish each and everyone a safe and happy Holiday season.

May all of your and your Miata's dreams come true!

"Live for sunny days and warm nights"

Thanks to the following Miata dealers 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*
- Harbor Freight Tools (Everett store only) (425) 513-6213*
- Mazda of Everett (425) 353-3403*
- Russ Dunmire Mazda of Tacoma (253) 473-2440*
- University Mazda of Seattle (206) 634-1191*
- Whidbey Island Mazda of Oak Harbor (360) 675-2218*



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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 monthly newsletter and operating supplies constitute a financial burden that must be met by the membership. Make your Miata experience more enjoyable-join and participate. To keep the club meaningful and solvent, we need your support.

To join go online at pugetsoundmiataclub.org or send your name, address and check for \$30 (annual chapter dues) to:

Puget Sound Miata Club
3901 SW Hanford
Seattle WA 98116

2007 Calendar

For details about these events or to **RSVP**, check out the Calendar at pugetsoundmiataclub.org

December 2007

- 1 Shelton Holiday Parade (see page 2)
- 8 PSMC Holiday Party hosted by PSMC Board (see page 1)
- 29 Gores's 2nd Annual Holiday Open House, hosted by Tom and Lindanne Gores (see page 2)



Tentative 2008 Calendar

Januray 2008

- 6 Sounder Workshop, hosted by Smith (see pg 3)
- 12 Monthly Social, hosted by Lohkamp (see pg 2)
- 26 Planning Meeting, hosted by PSMC (see pg 3)

February 2008

- TBD Winery Tour, hosted by Gores (see pg 3)

March 2008

- 7 First Friday Formal, hosted by Gores

April 2008

- 5 Nominating Meeting, hosted by PSMC
- 20 CdO Rallye, hosted by Corvettes de Olympia

May 2008

- 3 Detailin' Day, hosted by Cooper
- 10 Sequim Parade
- 17 Poulsbo Parade
- 23-25 Okanagan Topless Sun Run, Kelowna, Canada hosted by OVMC
- 31 Shelton Parade

June 2008

- 7 Sunset Auto Tour, hosted by Ohlsen
- 14 PSMC Elections, hosted by PSMC Board
- 21 Marysville Strawberry Festival Parade (Tentative)
- 28 Port Orchard Parade

July 2008

- 4 Kinston Fourth of July Parade
- 12 Hurricane Ridge, hosted by Bell
- 12 Mercer Island Parade
- 19 Olympia Parade and BBQ, hosted by Allen
- 20 Chinatown Parade
- 26 Silverdale Parade
- 26 Torchlight Parade

August 2008

- 3 Miatacross (Tentative), organized by McGriff
- 9 Run to Mt. Baker, hosted by Bell and Sea-to-Sky Miata Club (Vancouver, BC)
- 23 PSMC Gathering @ Coop's, hosted by PSMC
- 30 LeMay Open House
- 31 South Bend Labor Day Parade and Run

September 2008

- 6 Mukilteo Parade
- 27 Leavenworth Autumn Leaf Parade
- 28 North Cascades Hwy Tour, hosted by Lohkamp

October 2008

- TBD Banff, hosted by Perry
- 11 Corn Maze Run, hosted by Fellers
- 31 Bremerton Safe Trick or Treat, hosted by Bohnas

November 2008

- 8 Southend Planning Meeting, hosted by PSMC

December 2008

- 6 PSMC Holiday Party, hosted by PSMC

On the Drawing Board

Dates will be determined later

Mt. St. Helens Run, hosted by McGranaghan
Olympic Peninsula, hosted by McGranaghan and Millar

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it was the first military-related bar he had EVER been in where you could wear a hat; in most the rule is "He who enters covered here shall buy the house a round of cheer," and the bartender is ever-vigilant to ring an expensive bell when a hatted head walks in. Lunch was served (chicken and joes, you WILL like it, mister) the beverages flowed and we toasted "those who did not return, those who did return, and those yet to return" in keeping with the highest traditions of the service. A copy of this report will be made part of your permanent record at Headquarters.