

MIATA SOUNDER



*Newsletter of the Puget Sound Miata Club
The Oldest Miata Club in the World*

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PSMC's NW Gathering

Sunday, Aug. 26, 2007, 10 AM - 3 PM

Coop's Miata in Maple Valley

Hosted by your PSMC Board

**Cost: \$15.00 per car & driver
\$10.00 per passenger**

This year's party of parties, PSMC's Great Northwest Gathering, will be taking place on Sunday, August 26th, 2007 at Coop's Miata in Maple Valley. This year, we have a great afternoon all lined up for you.

For those who love to show off their pretty little roadsters, the CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE will be held from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Judging will take place promptly at 11:00 AM, so if you are entering, please arrive early enough to have your cars registered, parked and ready for the judges. Awards will be presented at 2:00 PM when the winners of the Miata Stock Class, Miata Modified Class and People's Choice are announced.

Along with The Dent Guy to take care of those nasty parking lot dings (and others), Roger Cantaloupe will be on hand to replace/repair your windshields. If you would like to have any work done, please contact Bonnie Lohkamp at blokamp@comcast.net so she can let Roger know what supplies he needs to have on deck. Also coming will be Mazda of Everett and new this year, Paul Hutt with Supercharged Performance Group. Paul will be bringing along with him Andrew Caddell, a very successful Miata racer at the ripe old age of 19! (see article on page 5). Car products will also be available for purchase and we will have Spec Miatas on display as well as parade vehicles all decked out.

Lunch this year is being catered by our own Rosa and Randy Umemoto and their elves. Any of you who have been down to help the Umemoto's stuff Sounders know what a treat the rest of the membership is in for! Lunch will be served starting at 11:30 AM. On the menu will be Skewered Glazed Chicken with choice of Chipotle or BBQ dipping sauce, Caesar Salad, Pasta Salad with Summer Vegetables, Watermelon, French Bread, Rice Krispies Marshmallow Treats, Soda or Water. VEGETARIAN ENTREES ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST. You will need to call the Umemoto's at 206.938.4562; your phone call will be followed up with an e-mail confirmation from the Umemoto's.

And of course there will be games! What would the Gathering be without a trunk stuffing contest or driving around blindfolded!

PLEASE RSVP by using either the website or emailing psmc.rsvp@verizon.net by midnight **Wednesday, August 22, 2007**. We will need to know the head count for our shopping excursions.

Hope to see you there!

Here are the directions to Coop's Miata:



Event Schedule

10:00 AM:	Gates open
10 AM - 2 PM:	Games, Vendors & Booths will be open
11:00 AM:	Concours judging
11:30 AM:	Lunch will be served
2:00 PM:	Concours Awards, Game prizes and door prizes will be given out
3:00 PM:	End of the event

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upcoming events

Miatacross 2007

Sun., Aug. 5, 2007

Boeing Everett
 West Parking Lot

PSMC Coordinators:
McGriff & Beldi

It's that time of year to take your Miata (or MX-5) for a spin! Well, maybe a "spin" isn't the right choice of words, but you know what I mean: its autocross time for the club!

Miatacross is one in a series of championship autocross events held every year under the Western Washington Sports Car Council (WWSCC). The points earned by every participant in each event go to their championship totals. At the end of the competition year, the WWSCC hands out awards based on the point standings. Also, many of the participants travel to Topeka, Kansas in early September for the National Championships. Therefore, you can see how important it is that we host a professional and well-organized event.

As you know, this is one of the big funding events for our club. We always can use volunteers, so please consider coming out to support this event. Autocross experience is not necessary, and it is not necessary if you don't want to take on the course (although I don't know why anyone would pass up this chance). This is a great opportunity to have some good, clean family fun, help support our club and to watch some amazing drivers. We hope to see you at the Miatacross!

For more information and finding out how you can help, please contact Sean McGriff @ psmhome@comcast.net or Deiter Beldi @ autocross1@pugetsoundmiataclub.org.

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food into the display area. This was easy since people were being very careful. One man sat with me for a few minutes, pointed at a maroon 34 Chevy convertible and said, "I had a car just like that, I sold it to my dad when I joined the army in '42. He sold it a few months before I got back. I nearly cried when I heard." Another gentleman was resting his feet when we struck up a conversation; it turned out he was the vice-president of an early V-8 club in Tacoma 25 years ago. He knew Harold LeMay and what was at that time his private collection. He asked Mr. LeMay if he could get a tour for his club, which Mr. Le May said yes, but postponed it until after the up coming holidays. The word of the tour leaked out and by the time the showing took place, several thousand people attended. The highlight for me, though, was when an elderly lady asked to sit; her neighbor, who was with her, asked me where she could find a golf cart as her concern was that the lady was exhausted. I directed the neighbor to the volunteer's tent close by and later learned that the lady was Ginger Le May, Harold's sister.

Hope you can join us!

Above photo from www.lemaymuseum.org.

Miatacross Event Schedule

Session 1: Morning Session – Non Stock Groups

Registration: 7:30 AM – 8:40 AM

Tech Inspection: 7:30 AM – 8:40 AM

Driver's Meeting: 8:45 AM ** This is mandatory for all morning sessions participants

First Car Out: 9:00 AM

Session 2: Afternoon Session: Stock Groups*

Registration: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Tech Inspection: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Driver's Meeting: 12:45** This is mandatory for all afternoon session participants

First Car Out: 1:00 PM

upcoming events

Mt. Baker Run

Saturday, August 11, 2007
Smokey Point Safeway, Exit
206 @ 7:30 AM

Hosted by Bill Bell

Hello Fellow Miata Members! We are having a Mt Baker via Chuckanut Drive Run with the Sea to Sky Miata Club of Vancouver, BC on August 11, 2007. We will be meeting at 7:30am at the Safeway Store Parking Lot at 3532 172nd St NE, Arlington, WA. It is located at Exit 206 Smokey Point on the Southeast Side of the I-5 Exit. You can walk or drive to various stores and pickup what you need for the morning breakfast.



From there, we will be leaving at 8am and driving to Burlington and taking Chuckanut Drive. Going north, the exit is just north of Burlington and marked Route 11, exit sign #231. Chuckanut Drive takes you through gorgeous farmlands, and in and out of the towns of Allen & Bow. It continues along the rock shoulder of the Chuckanut Mountains. From there, you overlook the San Juan Islands from any of the many viewpoints along the way. There are also many spots for picnics or just getting out and stretching your legs. The Drive continues all the way to the 1880's brick town of Fairhaven, now a suburb of Bellingham.

After completing the Chuckanut Drive, we will be making a short stop in Bellingham and driving on to Mt. Baker where we will meet the Sea to Sky Club at the National Forest Park Office in Glacier, WA at 11am. We will purchase our one day parking pass for \$5 there. This is where we will combine the two clubs and drive up to Mt Baker where we will be enjoying the beauty of Mt Baker, talking Miata's and visiting with each other clubs members.

Mount Baker (elevation 10,778 feet, 3,285 m) is a glaciated andesitic stratovolcano in the Cascade Volcanic Arc and the Cascades of Washington State in the United States about 30 miles (50km) due east of the city of Bellingham, Whatcom County. It is also easily visible from much of Greater Victoria, Greater Vancouver and the Fraser Valley just across the Canadian border to the north, and especially from the communities of Mission and Abbotsford, both about 45 kilometers (28 miles) east of Vancouver, BC-as well as from some locations in Everett and even Seattle to the southwest.

After visiting Mt. Baker, we will be eating at Milano's in Glacier with the Sea to Sky Club. It is authentic Italian taste. The pasta - fettuccine, linguine, rotini, whatever the shape - is fresh and al dente. I tried one of the daily specials: seafood fettuccine. The dish is heaped with huge shrimp, calamari, and fat mussels nestled on top of pasta in a tomato wine broth. Milano's menu includes classics such as lasagna and eggplant parmigiana, as well as intriguing combinations such as foriana, which is linguine tossed with garlic, anchovies, raisins, chilies, extra virgin olive oil and pine nuts. Warm bread accompanies the entrees, along with a dish of balsamic vinegar and olive oil for dipping - an authentic and appetizing touch in an Italian restaurant. All of the pasta and ravioli are made fresh in-house. The inventive sauces featuring local seafood and sausages are all cooked to order. And the deserts are not to be missed, especially the Tiramisu. The wine list is small but well rounded. It will be lots of fun. Zoom

30th Annual LeMay Museum Car Show & Auction

Saturday, August 25, 2007
Run Meeting Place & Time: Tacoma Mall @
8:00 AM

PSMC Coordinator: Mike Springer



This year the Harold LeMay Museum Tour will be held on Saturday, August 25th. I will lead a group from the Tacoma Mall parking lot (next to the Tacoma Mall Drive in front of Sears, which faces I-5). Plan to gather for coffee and donuts at 8a.m. and leave at 8:30. If you plan to take the drive, please reserve from the club website www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org by August 23rd. The admission cost for the Lemay Museum Tour is \$10 per Adult and Children (6-12 years) \$5 which is collected the day of the event. If you want to meet us in the club area but drive alone and need directions to the club area at Marymount School, email me at springerphoto@wamail.org or call 253-468-5291 evenings.

The Museum also needs volunteers, who will get free admission as well as hats, t-shirts, free lunch and other perks. They need volunteers for both the day of the event, and pre-show preparation. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the LeMay Museum at 253-779-8179 ext. #304 or email the Volunteer Coordinator at erick@lemaymuseum.org. If you volunteer for a two hour time slot in the afternoon, you will still be able to make the drive with the club.

Trying to describe the LeMay Car Show, after attending once or twice, is like describing a whale after seeing the exposed fin. It is just too big to take in in one day. Complicating matters further, there are two sites, the Marymount School and the LeMay home, which is located several miles away. The home has some of the older cars, like the Stutzes, my personal favorites as a group. The school has several vast rooms full of cars of the same make. For example, the Chevrolets go from the twenties to the sixties and includes such oddities as a 1938 Chevrolet limousine (I wonder, was it for cheap millionaires?).

Two years ago, I stayed at the school because I was serving as a volunteer there in the afternoon. The school is also the place that the car clubs and guest cars are located. Some of the guest cars come from out of state. The range of finish is great, from project cars in rough condition to some that could be entered at Monterey. The only missing elements were snobs, and not much missed. The bulk of the cars were American; some were carefully restored, others were true hot rods.

A number of our club members have been volunteers. I didn't get to see them; I just knew they were there by their Miatas in the club area. When I began my time as a volunteer, I was seated at a couch to make sure no one touched the cars or carried

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Tour to South Bend Parade

Sunday, September 2, 2007

Country Cousin Restaurant, Centralia @ 8:00 AM

Puget Sound Miata Club Host: Dee Dahlke, phone 253.845.2424; email toadhallwa@yahoo.com.

Covettes de Olympia Host: Duncan Johnson, phone 253.845.2424, email duncanjohnson@mac.com



PSMC and CdeO will **meet for breakfast** at 8:00 AM at Country Cousin Restaurant in Centralia, WA. Take exit 82 (Harrison Ave & Outlet Malls) off Interstate-5, go west on Harrison, immediately west of the freeway, turn right into restaurant. Reservations have been made! Go to the back room on arrival or ask for our club. Please keep your info correct on the signup roster so we can give an accurate count. Note: there will be the standard 15% gratuity included on everyone's separate check because we are a large group. Tour leaders' cell phone at breakfast is 253.861.4554.

Leave for road tour at about 9:00 AM. If breakfast is too early for you, join the tour now in the parking lot. We'll cruise the scenic and twisting back roads through the Willapa Hills. There will be rest stops along the way. Your road captains tested this year's new tour route in early July and once again the highway departments of Lewis and Pacific counties have provided us with 65 miles of excellent curvy and hilly sports car roads with scenic views. The pavement is smooth, the vegetation is lush, the roadsides are ablaze with wildflowers, the farmers are harvesting hay, and the cow barns are fragrant. This will be one of our great state's most scenic country areas for our late summer cruise.

Arrive South Bend about noon for their 45th annual "Come and Play on Labor Day" parade. As a parade entry, we may carry or escort dignitaries. If you and your sports car are at the ocean beaches for the weekend, you may join us at the parade. We'll be staging by the post office, usual location behind the BIG vacant lot at Willapa Ave. and US 101. Parade starts at 1:00 PM and every entrant gets free hot dogs and sodas at the finish line. Some of us will have the traditional post-parade cool-down at a watering hole on the tour home.

Bring your usual parade décor and materials to clean the bugs off the car before the parade. We suggest you leave home with a full tank of gas, as stations are scarce along the route and fuel tends to be more expensive at the Centralia freeway interchange.

30th Annual LeMay Museum Car Show and Auction

Saturday, August 25, 2007

...on the grounds of historic Marymount Academy and the LeMay family estate in Tacoma, Washington. See over 800 vintage, classic and specialty automobiles, trucks and motorcycles from the LeMay Collection plus hundreds of local collector cars.



- Entry** \$10 per person, \$20 for a family of 4
Donation: \$5 for children under 12, \$5 for active military
- Parking:** Free offsite with free shuttle bus from parking lots and between Marymount Academy and the LeMay estate
- Time:** 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Collector car entry to Marymount will begin at the main gate after 8:00 am
- Activities:** In addition to the cars, there will be automobile related vendor displays, food, live music and more
- Information:** (253) 536-2885 • www.lemaymuseum.org



AMERICA'S CAR MUSEUM

A Force to be Reckoned With

By Paul Hutt

For those of you who follow Miata racing you know that Andrew Caddell has become one of the best race car drivers in the Miata racing venues. Those who are not aware of who Andrew Caddell is, will be pleased to learn that this young man from Graham, Washington is attracting attention from Mazda, Speed TV and the SCCA's "Sports Car Magazine."



The reason for all of this attention is that Andrew, at the age of 18, won the 2006 SCCA Spec Miata National Championship and now at 19 years of age, is second in the standings of the SCCA Pro SIRIUS Satellite Radio Mazda MX-5 Cup Championship Series. Andrew is one of four racers who drive for Team MER (Motorsport Enterprises Racing) and one of Andrew's corporate sponsors is Pinnacle Mazda.

Andrew and the Caddell family lived only one mile from a kart track where he spent much time watching the karts and eventually he wanted a kart of his own. In 1997 some friends of Andrew's father, Roger, told him about a new indoor kart rental track. So Roger went down to the track and made a few laps with Andrew sitting it out because he was a little too short to drive the karts - drivers were required to be five foot tall to drive the karts. When Andrew became five foot tall Roger found him a two year old racing kart and Andrew began practicing at the nearby Mt. Highway Kart Track.

Andrew practiced for over 1,000 laps at the track before his first race at Bremerton Raceway. This event took place in the rain and Andrew did not have the rain tires the other participants had. Still he managed a 3rd place. Later, at his first PSGKA (Puget Sound Go Kart Association) club race in March of 1998, Andrew surprised everybody by qualifying on the pole. However, the club rules require all drivers to start at the back of their class for their first 3 races. Starting at the back, he still finished in second place that day. Andrew went on to finish his 1998 rookie season with three pole positions and a third place in the season points, as well as winning the Rookie of the Year title.

By the time Andrew was 15 years old he was ready to race cars. It was at this time he began racing on local small asphalt ovals in the local Legends series. When 2005 arrived he jumped to the SCCA's Spec Miata racing program. In his first year Andrew won the SCCA Northwest Region Spec Miata Championship.

After the end of the season, Pinnacle Mazda helped put Andrew into one of TCMotorsports' Spec Miatas for the 2005 25 Hours of Thunderhill, which is a very grueling race. At this race, Andrew and his co-drivers' Carlo Sparacio, Taryn Sparacio and Will Schrader finished second. Those of you who might be surprised to learn that Taryn was one of the co-drivers will be even more surprised to learn that Taryn was the 2004 Northwest Spec-Miata Champion

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and the first woman in the world to win a Spec Miata Championship.

As the result of Andrew winning the SCCA Spec Miata National Championship he was eligible to compete in the MAZDASPEED Shoot Out against 3 other Mazda driving national championship drivers. The winner would be awarded a 2007 stock Mazda MX-5, MAZDASPEED racing parts to convert the car for racing, entry fee's and 8 sets of racing tires. The championship drivers were judged in 11 categories that took into account the total person, on and off the track. On the track they were scored for fastest lap time and lap time consistency driving an MX-5 Cup car. Related to their driving, they were quizzed on technical feedback, suspension knowledge, and data analysis – or, simply put, do they have what it takes to optimize a racecar? Off track each driver was reviewed on their written and oral sponsorship proposal, their racing resume and future goals and a mock media interview.

The field of 3 champion drivers, which in addition to Andrew, included the Formula Mazda class Champion and RX-8 T3 class Champion. Andrew's aceing of 10 for 11 was just enough to secure the prize. Without having won the prize, Andrew's entry into the MX-5 would have been delayed as the "entry fee" in terms of initial expenditures for car and equipment is over \$50,000.

So at this early stage in his professional racing career, what does the future hold for Andrew? Andrew's goal is to win the MX-5 Cup in 2007 and at the same time do a couple of stints in both the World Speed Challenge and the Grand Am Cup. Given Andrew's age and that he demonstrated that he is on an exponential learning curve, his full time participation at much higher level of professional road racing seems inevitable.

The club members will have the good fortune to meet Andrew at our Annual Northwest Gathering. Andrew's next race is at Trois-Rivieres in Montreal. If Andrew's car gets back in time from Montreal, he will bring it to the event. To follow Andrew's career go to www.andrewcaddell.com Information on TCMotorsports can be found at www.TCMotorsports.net



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event aftermath

Hurricane Ridge Run

By Dee and Duncan ('99 Silver "Road Dancer")

This Saturday tour was a Bill Bell production, and anyone who knows Bill will testify that means it's going to be a fun good time. The North Enders came westbound on the ferry and we Puyallup bumpkins motored up and met everyone in historic Port Gamble. That's a lovely little main street on a warm summer morning. There was something like 14 to 17 Miatas in the tour, depending on who joined in or turned off along the way as plans were flexible. Thus we won't attempt a roster.

We took our usual caboose position to defend against Buicks careening up from behind, and radio chaos soon ensued. We were on CB, but road captain Bill had an FRS walkie-talkie. He gave us his spare radio, so besides now juggling two handsets, our onboard Chief-Of-Telecommunications discovered he couldn't hear the walkie-talkie over the wind noise at speed, and the chatter, combined with Bill's unique Arkansas twang, didn't make that any better. In honor of our leader's Razorback heritage and loyalties, our group made several (ahem) "Arkansas starts" onto the highway, as opposed to PSMC's usual precisely-choreographed "LeMans Start." We also made a few "Arkansas stops" here and there for amusement.

From Port Gamble we motored across the Hood Canal Sinking Bridge and turned north toward Chimacum. We veered westwardly on Larson Lake Rd. and Eaglemont Rd., which are worth marking on your map for brisk cruising, but not quite cornering on the door handles. We popped out at Discovery Bay, and soon were in Greater Sequim where we had a latte break at Hurricane Coffee, a very nice little roadside establishment. Then it was a long pull along US 101 to Port Angeles, and our pack got just enough separated that a few cars had a bit of an autocross to make the left up the hill toward the National Park entrance. The ensuing commotion allowed us to pick up a "motorsickle" escort as a pack of bikes inserted themselves in our midst.

At the park gate Duncan made his big score of the day; he is now old enough to get the "America The Beautiful" senior pass for \$10 (regular one-day entry is \$15) and the pass is good forever for entry at National Parks, National Forests, Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Reclamation operations, as well as U.S. Fish & Wildlife sites. Your tax dollars at work! So much for the Consumer Reports spiel. Our pack of Miatas charged uphill and through tunnels, passing mountain meadows, dense forests, and blankets of roadside wildflowers. We made one stop

for a photo-op at a particularly scenic turnout and then resumed the hill-climb to Hurricane Ridge (elev. 5242 feet.) There the views were just plain awesome, stretching for miles and miles across craggy mountains, glaciers, wooded valleys, and even out over the ocean. While it was a warm sunny day, the breeze



The View goes on for miles and miles. Photo by Bill Bell.

shifted around and it was easy to tell when it was coming from the ocean and when it has been blowing over snowfields. Knowing it would be a long time between our early breakfast and our late lunch, many of us nibbled on snacks brought for the occasion. Then we deposited our litter in the heavy steel bear-proof trash cans. Hmmm, did any other woods-persons notice the BIG collection of bear droppings near the roadside on the way up? The answer to the old question about what a black bear does in the woods must be, "Yes."

Coming down the hill later, we made one more stop for photos at an overlook where the view of the Strait of Juan De Fuca stretched from Dungeness Spit to Victoria, Canada. We got through Port Angeles OK, but eastbound on US 101 the traffic caused the group to get rather spread out. There was a lot of radio debate about whether we in the back of the pack were going to take Chicken Coop Rd. or not (it veers off US 101 between Blyn and Gardiner,) but since it came with a strong local recommendation, we chanced it. Oh, boy! It is so narrow and twisty it has fog lines but no center stripe. No crossroads, not many driveways, and good pavement, in other words a wonderful little sports car road. It even has a full 180-degree hairpin turn. We'll take that one again some day!

The tour wrapped up with lunch at Fat Smitty's, a roadside eatery in Discovery Bay. It has hundreds of autographed dollar bills pinned to the ceiling and walls, thus giving the place the atmosphere of a waterfront tavern without the annoyance of pitchers of cold beer. The size of their gargantuan burgers defies belief, requiring a full two-handed approach. Bill has pictures of the guilty parties. When well refreshed, we headed for our various homes. For us, that meant our final southbound trip across the old Narrows Bridge (and our last toll-free passage) as the grand opening ceremonies for the new bridge were scheduled for the next day.



Hmmm, seems like there is a Miata jam at the Park Entrance. Photo by Alma Staufenberg.

event aftermath / autocross

More from Hurricane Ridge



And up and up and up we go! Photo by Alma Staufenberg.



Miatas all in a row or landscape. Which view do you think is prettier? Photo by Bill Bell.



Now that's a hamburger! Photo by Bill Bell.

Double Trouble

By Denise Williamson



Wow! Autocross season is in full swing, as is the weather. There were two (count 'em, two) double-headers in June. "Understeer", a WWSCC event, was held June 16 in Everett. The weather was spotty that weekend, so some of the results were interesting. There were seven PSMC drivers at this event, and all of them did great! New member *Rich Blake* won Stock C in his black 94R Miata, with a time of 38.122. In Open Street, *Bob Bundy* won first place with a 36.587, and *Dieter Beldi* was third with a 37.051 (both were in '90 Miatas). *Brett Wilson* placed fourth in Street Tire 2 in his '99 Miata with an SM2 indexed time of 33.251. Novice *Nick Podrebarac* placed 11th in the morning class with a 44.466. In PRO1, *Glen Hernandez* placed second with an SS indexed time of 29.792 (Lotus Elise), and *Alan Dahl* placed fourth with an AS indexed time of 30.824 (Pontiac Solstice GXP). Kudos (biggest yet!) for this event go to Glen Hernandez, Alan Dahl, Dieter Beldi, and Bob Bundy. For the Top Ten Times of the event (unindexed), they placed first, third, sixth and seventh, respectively. Woohoo!

"Oversteer", another WWSCC event, was held June 17 in Everett. Yup, that's right: two days of autocrossing in a row. *Rich Blake* made it two wins in a row in Stock C with a 44.464. In Open Street, *Bob Bundy* won second with a 38.519, and

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August Autocross

For details see wwscc.org

- 5 WWSCC PSMC Championship #6 – Miatacross '07 @ Everett West
- 7 BSCC Monthly Meeting @ Round Table Pizza, Gig Harbor
- 10 BSCC Track Event #2 @ Bremerton Raceway
- 11-12 SCCA Salt Lake City ProSolo @ Miller Motorsports Park
- 11 Oregon Region SCCA Event #6 (stock AM) @ PIR South Paddock
- 12 WWSCC BEAC Championship #7 – Enduro XXIX @ Everett West
- 14 NWR/SCCA Solo Committee Meeting @ Bill's Bodacious BBQ, Renton
- 18-19 SCCA Packwood National Tour @ Packwood
- 20 WWSCC Council Meeting @ Rogue Brewery, Issaquah
- 25-26 SCCA Packwood ProSolo @ Packwood
- 31 BSCC Track Event #3 @ Bremerton Raceway

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Dieter Beldi won third with a 38.963. Glen Hernandez won third in PRO1 with a DS indexed time of 34.125 (Mazdaspeed 3), and Alan Dahl placed twelfth with an AS indexed time of 36.388. Kudos for Top Ten Times of the day (unindexed) go to Bob Bundy (third fastest) and Dieter Beldi (seventh fastest).

The very next weekend, there were another two days of autocrossing. We just can't get enough! June 23's SCCA event was **ProSolo #1**, held in Packwood. A ProSolo is a different format and classes (kind of) from a regular autocross, but I might have to write a separate article on that. Anyway, five PSMC members braved the different format and had a great showing. Glen Hernandez won Stock 1 with an SS indexed combined time of 43.556 (Lotus Elise). In Stock 3, Dieter Beldi placed third with a DS indexed combined time of 44.922 (Mazdaspeed 3). Street Mod 2 was dominated by PSMC, with Brett Wilson winning the class with a combined time of 51.670, and Enrique Garcia placing second with a combined time of 52.842. Tim Irwin placed fifth in the Street Tire class with an ES indexed combined time of 47.551. He even drove his own car this time! Kudos for this event are in two categories. For Top Ten Indexed Times (not combined), Glen Hernandez placed eighth with a 21.776. For Top Ten Unindexed Times (also not combined), Glen placed fifth (25.589), Brett Wilson placed sixth (25.648), and Enrique Garcia placed tenth (26.066).

The next day was **SCCA #4**, also in Packwood. This was a regular ol' autocross, with ProSolo being a recent memory. In Stock 3, Dieter Beldi placed fourth with a DS indexed time of 45.616 (Mazdaspeed 3). Russ Hill drove his red '91 Miata to fifteenth in Non-Stock 4 with an STS2 indexed time of 50.130. Street Mod 2 was again dominated by PSMC, with Brett Wilson and Enrique Garcia repeating their Saturday placements. Brett's fastest run was a 57.172, while Enrique was right behind him with a 57.290. The most popular class in this event for PSMC drivers was Open PAX. Glen Hernandez won fifth with a DS indexed time of 45.712 (Mazdaspeed 3), Tim Irwin placed fifteenth with a BS indexed time of 49.169 (Porsche 911RS), and Alan Dahl placed sixteenth with an AS indexed time of 49.233 (Pontiac Solstice GXP).

The largest events of the year are coming! The SCCA Packwood National Tour (August 18-19) and ProSolo (August 25-26) will be here before you know it. Top-notch drivers from many states come out for these events, featuring our speedy Northwest drivers, of course. These events are a lot of fun. There will be a lot of everything: cars, action, old friends, new friends, camaraderie, food, beverage, and fun. If you get a chance, stop on by. The drive to Packwood is beautiful. There's more information on wwscc.org and scca.com (under "Solo").



An Ariel Atom. Aka "How to Make Your Miata Look big & heavy." Taken at the "Oversteer" by Glen Hernandez.

Set-up - The Aftermath

By Denise Williamson

Photos contributed by Doug Chase

In the past few newsletter issues, many of you have been following the trials and tribulations of "Team Bridgestone," starring in the reality show, "Setup". Since the show has been completed, I thought I'd ask Doug "Crew Chief" Chase a few previously-forbidden questions:

1. So, what really happened in the first show? I heard rumors that the kart race was really won by Lynsey, who then got kicked off the show.

True. She did have the fastest time in the karts. I'm not sure why she got kicked off. I heard it was something about her crew chief not being there but I didn't hear any of the details. I do know that she seemed quite upset about it.

2. It has been mentioned that Kevin was originally supposed to be the driver, and Ron was supposed to be the mechanic. How did this get switched?

The short version of the story is that they talked some mechanics and crew chiefs into trying to qualify in the karts (I declined). Ron and Kevin are both excellent drivers and both have Solo II national championships, but Ron (who was originally scheduled to be our mechanic) had driven a 125 shifter kart before and Kevin never had, so Ron was faster than Kevin.

The longer version of the story is that they had told us that the top ten times would get on the show, period. Since we had two great drivers we thought Ron and Kevin should both try to get on the show, and if they both did then we could find another crew chief, or I could be crew chief for both guys at the same time. That might sound silly in retrospect, but at that point we had known about the show for four days, had shown up in Santa Monica 12 hours ago, and had no idea what was coming next. Anything was possible.

There was a clause in the contract that said they could lie or mislead us if they wanted, "for dramatic affect." Well, they exercised that clause more than once, and the first time was probably when they took the fastest guy from each team instead of the fastest 10 overall.

They were not posting times at the kart track, but I kept track of everybody (never too early to scout out the competition) and by my watch Ron and Kevin were both in the top 10.

3. Do you think that the events were accurately portrayed? Do you think that the participants were accurately portrayed? From the view I had from the couch, it seemed like there was some creative editing.

This may surprise you, but overall I do feel like the events were fairly accurately portrayed. Yes, there was some creative editing, and yes this caused some events / people to be portrayed somewhat differently on TV than in real life. They had probably 1500 - 2000 hours of footage and edited it down to 4 ½ hours so to some extent this is unavoidable. But from an overall view I think what we saw on TV was a reasonably accurate

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in the garage

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portrayal of what actually happened.

4. Would it be fair to say that Jeremy doesn't have the largest fan club of the group?

Yes, that would be fair to say.

5. Is it true that the mechanics were treated like dirt?

Yes and no. In some ways we were all treated like dirt. The mechanics got the same treatment, but without any potential TV glory. They were treated simply as extra hands to assist with car work. They were not a "character" in the show like drivers and crew chiefs so they ended up getting ignored a lot when drivers and crew chiefs were getting interviews.

6. Would you do a reality show again? If you could, would you do *this* reality show again?

Yes I would, to both questions. I would have drastically different expectations next time, but knowing what I know now I would still do it.

7. Has anyone recognized you from being on the show?

Sort of. Unfortunately I haven't been mobbed by any bikini models saying "Oh my god! You're the crew chief from the Bridgestone team on Setup! Can you autograph me?" But I am finding that there are people in the local race scene that know my face because of the show, even though I don't know them.

8. Anything else you'd like to add? Anything in particular about shopping carts and tequila?

*Nope, nothing else to add. **Especially** nothing about shopping carts, tequila, a \$300 bar tab, and trying to get a physical the next day.*



"Team Bridgestone with host Tommy Kendall and Ashly Van Dyke. Ashley is from the Northwest and has ties to Evergreen Speedway via her grandfather.



"Team Bridgestone:" Kevin Dietz, Ron Bauer and Doug Chase.



"Team Bridgestone" with host Tommy Kendall.



What was that about going to get a physical?

From the Editor's Desk



Time for Change

By Cindy Smith

When I first took over as PSMC Sounder editor, I was still president and was only going to fill the position until we could get someone to volunteer for the job. However, I discovered I really enjoyed working on

the Sounder: doing the layout, formatting pictures and doing the overall job of editing submitted articles. However, I made a mental note then that I would fulfill the duties of editor for a commitment of three to five years. I am now in my third year, and while I still find the work rewarding – and challenging at times – I believe it is time for a change: for the Sounder and for me.

Since the first Sounder was published, it has always been the job of one editor who has been responsible for the editing, layout, formatting and everything else that is involved in producing a first-rate newsletter. When one has ample time, the work involved can easily be done by one person. However, when life gets busy with outside obligations taking priority, it can get overwhelming. That is what has happened this month – and will be happening for next month. Not only have I been scrambling getting my home and yards ready to host a reception in my backyard, I've been trying to get ready for my upcoming tour to Ashland, help with the Gathering, get out the current copy of the Sounder and prepare for guests coming in. Add in that mix, that by August 13th I also need to get September's Sounder to the printer. And of course, there are still the day-to-day priorities that need to be taken care of. That's a lot of hair-pulling, folks!

So we have decided that it is time to bring on an assistant editor, one that is willing to learn the ropes, who will bring fresh, new ideas to the table and who will be willing to take over more and more of the work until I can slide into the position of assistant / back-up editor – a position that is much needed. I have found it isn't much of a vacation when you are scrambling in your spare moments trying to do layouts.

With that in mind, if there is anyone out there who would like to try their hand on becoming PSMC's next Sounder editor, please give me a call at 360.668.5508 or email me at tomaci@verizon.net. No experience is necessary in either Pagemaker or Photoshop. If I can learn how to run the programs, anyone can, and with three years of experience under my belt now, I am sure I can pass on enough knowledge for you to be able to take over quite well.

Until we can find someone, I will remain as Sounder Editor. However, at this time, it would be much appreciated if someone would step forward sooner rather than later. So give me a call and let's talk and see how we can work this out together.

NOTE: Due to my being out of town next month for the 007:Shaken(speare) Not Stirred Tour, the deadline for September articles will be August 6th.

New Faces

We hope to meet you at an event soon!

By Randy Umemoto

Katie Rose	Seattle, WA	07 Galaxy Grey
Roger & Donna Cantaloube	Steilacoom, WA	04 Titanium
Rich & Trish Blake	Oak Harbor, WA	94 Black
Dick & Myrna Selzer	Renton, WA	97 Black
Ed Waters	Seattle, WA	90 White
Arthur & Thelma Edison	Renton, WA	07 Sunlight Silver



Familiar Faces

Try a new Miata Event this year!

Alan Dahl	90 Mariner Blue	15 yrs
Vicki & Judy Burr-Chellin	94 Laguna Blue	1 yr
Gayle Lazur	02 Crystal Blue	11 yrs
Paul & Jane Hutt	97 Black	1 yr
Robert Schwenke		5 yrs
Warren & Joan Crowe	90 Red	7 yrs
Marylyn Ward & Jay Johnston	06 Sunlight Silver	1 yr
Terry & Mike Shannon	92 Sunflower Yellow	14 yrs
Ken & Valerie See Brookner	99 Black	7 yrs
Scott & Teresa Keenholts	93 Black	1 yr
Karen Michaud	02 Silver	1 yr
Dee Dahlke	99 Silver	9 yrs
Mike Crimmins	03 Strato Blue	3 yrs
Robert & Judy Lemley	03 Grey	3 yrs

Remember

You can now get your Sounder via email instead of snail mail. It's easy, just send an email to sounder@comcast.net



President's Message

By Bonnie Lohkamp, PSMC President



Well another month has gone by and it looks like our summer has finally arrived. I was on vacation last week and could not have picked a better week as far as the weather was concerned. Even at 95 degrees, with the top down and on the freeway, there is nothing that compares to it.

August is fast approaching and we have lots of events on the club calendar, so let's take a look. First of all, it looks like I get to take a little break as far as parades are concerned as the club actually has no parades in August unless we get some last minute calls from our royalty for help. For events, first on the list is Miatacross on Sunday August 5th. This will be up at Boeing in Everett and is truly an exciting event. This is THE EVENT that keeps our club going with the income it generates for us, and we as club members need to give it our full support. Check out the website and contact the hosts to let them know how you can help. It does not take a lot of time but it means a lot. I have helped with registration for 3 years and have also done waiver patrol. Before or after your shift, you can watch some of our own club members run their cars through the track and can do so yourself in a special Miata class run by registering for it.

Also on the list we have the Run to Mt Baker on Saturday, August 11th hosted by Bill Bell. He just did the Hurricane Ridge run in July and this is a follow up to that. Then comes the Shaken (-Speare) Not Stirred from August 13th to 18th, which is taking a group to Ashland for the Shakespearean Festival via Crater Lake. Anyone who was on the trip in 2003 will tell you how wonderful it is, and according to the website there is still a chance for you to get in on the fun. On Saturday August 25th we have the LeMay Museum Car Show and that is spectacular. You can also get close-up club car parking if you do some volunteering.

Finally on Sunday, August 26th we will have the annual Northwest Gathering for our club. Your board members are hard at work to make this a great event. We are going to have something different for food this time as the Umemoto's are putting on their chef hats and we will have more vendors than before with something for everyone. There will be the Dent guy, a vendor who specializes in Spec Miatas, who will have performance items for your car plus we will have a couple of a Spec Miatas on display. We will also have windshield replacement available as well as car care products, membership info and parade info with a parade car or two on display. This year there will also be the opportunity to have your photo taken with your car or just of your car (whichever you prefer), and of course there will be games. Make sure you get your car shined up for the Concours and be ready to have a great time seeing old and new members of your Miata Family. Last but not least there will be door prizes, awards, prizes, raffles and did I mention prizes? So mark the date on your calendar and use the RSVP system on the website to let us know. And PLEASE be sure to get your RSVP's in before the deadline so we will know how much food to purchase.

"Live for sunny days and warm nights"

Warning

Lock up your Miatas!
It is free zucchini season!



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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

August 2007

- 5 Miatacross (see page 2)
- 11 Run to Mt. Baker hosted by Bell (see page 3)
- 13-18 Shaken(speare) Not Stirred hosted by Smith, McSherry & Houghton
- 25 LeMay Museum Car Show & Auction (see page 3)
- 26 PSMC Gathering hosted by PSMC Board (see page 1)



September 2007

- 2 South Bend Parade (see page 4)
- 8 Mukilteo Parade
- 29 Autumn Leaf Parade in Leavenworth
- 30 No. Cascades Hwy III hosted by McGranaghan

October 2007

- 27 Final Haunted Places Tour hosted by Smith & McSherry

November 2007

- 4 Southend Planning Meeting hosted by PSMC Board
- 11 Veterans' Day Run (tentative) hosted by Smith & Weber
- 18 Turkey Teaser hosted by McGriff

December 2007

- 1 Shelton Holiday Parade
- 8 PSMC Holiday Party hosted by PSMC Board

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
Pinnacle Mazda of Renton (425) 271-2700
Russ Dunmire Mazda of Tacoma (253) 473-2440
University Mazda of Seattle (206) 634-1191
Whidbey Island Mazda of Oak Harbor (360) 675-2218

Classifieds

Miatas 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.

\$8,990 OBO. Call Ron Krohmer @ 480.292.1351

1992 Miata

Mariner blue with black interior, low 53,000 miles. 5 SP manual, original owner with all original paperwork & never wrecked. Upgrades include: Sony AM/FM/CD player, alarm system with remote control & keyless entry, rollbar, additional trunk, dash and fog lights, E code headlamps, wicked loud horn, manual steering, alloy wheels, trunk & door sill protectors and trickler charger.

\$5,000 OBO Call Julie Springer @480.292.1351

PARTS FOR SALE

For Sale: "Goodwin" all stainless muffler for 06/07s, used very little. Paid just over \$400.00 including freight but willing to sell for \$250.00 or best offer. Also, will deliver up to about 100 miles from Puyallup/Graham (good excuse for a road trip) as it just fits in the trunk and would be a real headache to pack for shipping. Please contact Doug Simpson at 253.279.1532 (cell), 253.875.2754 (home) or email me at dougsimpson1962@earthlink.net.

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From the North: I-405 south; Enumclaw/Renton Exit; Left at the 2nd light onto the Maple Valley Hwy 169; About 9 miles turn right at the light onto SE 231st St; go up the hill to SE 210th St (Don't turn right), Go left into Coop's

From the South: I-5 north to North Bend /Auburn, Hwy 18 Exit; take Maple Valley /SE231st Exit; Left back up over Hwy 18 on SE 231st St and go up the hill to SE 210th St (Don't turn right), Go left into Coop's