

MIATA SOUNDER



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

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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 toadhalla@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 dig-

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North Cascades Hwy Tour

Sat. & Sun. Sept. 29 & 30 '07

Hosts: Driving Tour on Sunday: McGranaghan

Lunch/dinner activites: Lohkamp & Bohnas

This event is designed to fill in where the Leavenworth Parade leaves off. After we have provided transportation for nine (9) beautiful young women through the parade route, we will drive to Chateau Faire le Pont Winery in Wenatchee for a tour and a delicious lunch of the chef's special Chicken Parmigiana, complete with appetizers, soup and salad. Price is \$13.50 per person plus tax and gratuity and will be limited to the first 20 people to RSVP, so PLEASE let Bonnie know asap if you are planning on attending the lunch (see email address below). Check out Chateau Faire Le Pont Winery at <http://www.fairelepont.net>. After lunch we will drive to Chelan and spend the night at the Best Western Lakeside Lodge. <http://www.lakesidelodge.net>

Please note** The hotels in and around the Wenatchee/Chelan/George area have banded together this year and are requiring 2 night minimum stays if you call to reserve a room by phone. We therefore were unable to secure a block of rooms or a discount this year. However- if you register online through the website, the option for one night stay is open and will be allowed because 2 night minimums are not a Best Western policy. Room rates are \$149 to \$189 with an extra discount available to AARP or AAA members. These rooms are all great! The hotel has a nice pool with 2 hot tubs, is adjacent to Lake Chelan, and offers a Continental Breakfast with a large variety of choices.

Once again, Bonnie & Larry have reserved a King suite so we will have a "Pot Luck" dinner in their room a couple of hours after we check-in. This allows enough time for a quick dip in the pool or hot tub and then a quick trip to town to buy some dinner munchies.

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upcoming events

Parade Calendar

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- Sunday, Sept. 2nd South Bend Parade (see article on page 1)
- Saturday, Sept. 8th Mukilteo Parade @ 8:30 AM
- Saturday, Sept. 29th Leavenworth Autumn Leaf Parade @ 6:00 AM

After a long parade season – and my first official one as a Parade Co-Coordinator on my own – we finally had a break with nary a parade in August. While we have done many Parades this year, July was an extra busy one with 3 parades that included the Kingston 4th of July Parade, the Silverdale Whaling Days, and the biggest one we do for the year: The Seattle Chinatown Parade. It is almost as big as the Torchlight Parade (which we are going to try to get in next year) and is very colorful and festive. We carried not only the Japanese Royalty but the Chinese Royalty as well. Dan White even had the honor of carrying the future Miss Seafair! All parades were well attended with at least 13 to 15 cars at each parade.

For September, we have three parades. We start with the combined *Tour to South Bend* and Parade, a joint venture with PSMC and Corvette de Olympia Car Club on September 2nd. The following weekend is the Mukilteo Lighthouse Parade; it is the shortest but one of the sweetest parades we do. If you have never done a parade and want to give it a try, it is a great one to start out with to get an idea of what we really do in all these parades. Ending September is probably the 2nd biggest parade we do and that is in Leavenworth for the Autumn Festival on September 29th. For the third year now, we have a luncheon planned at a winery in Wenatchee, followed by a night in Chelan so we can start the North Cascades Tour the following day bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. You can get all the details on this fun weekend in the article on page 1 in this month's Sounder..

Article by Bonnie Lohkamp

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nitaries. 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.

upcoming events

Tom & Cindy's Final Haunted Places Tour

Saturday, October 28, 2007

Tacoma/Steilacoom Area

Hosted by Tom & Cindy Smith and Patrick & Sophia McSherry

It is really hard to be thinking about this year's Haunted Places Tour while I am busy scrambling to put together September's Sounder and getting my packet for my 007: Shaken(speare) Not Stirred Tour finished before Monday! But it just dawned on me that I am doing SEPTEMBER'S Sounder and "oh, my gosh!" I need to get something into the Sounder about my October Tour! Can I even think that far ahead?

Well, I'm going to have to!

This year's tour – and final tour, I might add (well, maybe not final but we will be taking a break; I mean, after all, we haven't even touched Seattle yet!) – will be in the South End: Tacoma and Steilacoom to be exact. It's just too darn bad that I just recently learned that E.R. Rogers closed. It would have been a nice place to wind down the tour given IT IS HAUNTED! However, with all the hauntings in Tacoma, I am sure we will find some friendly spirits – in one form or the other – to share our meal with.

Other than that, I don't have much more information for you at the moment. For now, just know that this will be another tour in "Cindy Fashion," that updates will be on the website and in October's Sounder and it will be a haunting good time.

By the way, Tom has just about exhausted his Halloween Tunes Library. Therefore, if you have a favorite from the past years, please give us a shout at tomaci@verizon.net and let us know what you would like to hear on the "Best Of" CD he is thinking of putting together. Of course, most of you know Tom: count on a weird one or two thrown in for good measure.



PSMC'S Holiday Party

Saturday, December 8, 2007

Renton Community Center

Hosted by your PSMC Board

Article by Cindy Smith



Summer's winding down. The Gathering has gathered and dispersed. Fall is just around the corner and there are only 115 shopping days left until Christmas. What is worse there are only 99 days left until PSMC's Holiday Party!

And now that the Gathering is just a memory, your PSMC Board is busy making preparations for the Club's next big party to be held on Saturday, December 8, 2007. The venue will once again be the Renton Community Center (don't think we could get a better venue, do you? Great dance floor, centrally located and a hotel conveniently placed right across the street for those who don't want to drive home after a night of partying hardy!).

If you didn't sign on for the Holiday Party at the booth during the Gathering, now is your chance to get your John Henry on the RSVP list early. And while you might think it is a bit too early to be thinking about attending the Holiday Party, it is never too early for your board members to get a good idea of just how many people we are planning for. A lot of time, energy and resources go into planning these big events and the more we know as we go into the event – like "Gee, I wonder how many people we need to plan for?" – the better party we can plan for YOU!

So please help us out, and if you want to share some holiday spirit with your friends in the club, sign up as soon as possible. And keep an eye out of the website and future Sounders for more information about this great way to usher in the Holidays and end the year.

PLEASE NOTE: Christy Castro and Cindy Smith are planning on putting together a slide show for this year's party. If you would like to share your year with PSMC at the Holiday Party, please send us your photos, preferably in a zip-file, to Cindy via email at tomaci@verizon.net. Thanks!

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Please RSVP via the website if possible, or contact a host, after making your room reservations and plan to join us at the parade or after the parade at either the winery or the lodge.

We will start off around 9AM on Sunday morning from Chelan and follow Alternate 97 through Pateros, Methow, Twisp and onto Hwy 20 through Winthrop and over the North Cascades to Marblemount, Darrington and terminate in Arlington near I-5.

Plans include a stop in Winthrop for a quick lunch, and fuel if needed, then on to a scenic viewpoint for a picture opportunity and rest/stretch break. This tour will include many beautiful vistas with relatively low traffic density (since it is Sunday) and should take approximately 4 to 4.5 hours (including the lunch stop).

Don't forget to RSVP for the Leavenworth parade also. (We do need more drivers to help, and it is easily the most scenic parade of the year with numerous, friendly viewers)

For questions or more information on lunch choices, where to meet if not doing the parade, etc. please contact:

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Gorged Looking For George on the Gorge

By Mark Brandt

Dale & Regena Weber and Kris McMahan combined to present a terrific tour. The theme for the tour was "The Search for Curious George" and of course the search led us to the Columbia Gorge just to twist our tongues a bit. Kris took the RSVP list and wove everyone's names into a Curious George story, just part of the 17 page / two CD, multiple tourist-handout package that each car received.



Group photo at the Toppenish stop. Photo by A.J. McGranaghan.

Friday: Any day that includes a drive through the Yakima River Canyon is, generally speaking, a pretty good day. The canyon road turned out to be just the warm-up, but first we lunched at Miner's Drive In, a Yakima legend that opened nearly 60 years ago. Thanks to a heads-up from our tour leaders, most couples shared a burger and fries, and were still stuffed!

A short drive south took us to the fruit stand / Native American museum of the McMahan family. The Webers selected a couple of watermelons for a bedtime treat for the group, we all marveled at the cool stuff in the museum and then it was off to Toppenish to check out the many murals that depict the history of the town and immediate area. Still no George sightings, but we seemed to be steadfast on his trail.



One of the many murals in Toppenish. Photo by Tom Smith.

The route now took us south on Hwy 97 to Goldendale. While most state or US highways have too much traffic and/or are too generic to entertain, this stretch of 97 is a fun road. A little less traffic might have made it even more fun, but it is still one of the better routes to take toward the Oregon border. We departed 97 to head west through Goldendale on Hwy 142, which becomes the Klickitat Canyon Road. That's where we REALLY got our zoom-zoom on! Everyone enjoyed a spirited drive down the canyon, emerging on the north bank of the Columbia at Lyle, WA where we had a choice to make. Some chose the "early arrival" route and headed west to the motel, while others went east and enjoyed a stopover at Maryhill Winery. Regardless of choice, the organized portion of the day ended in Hood River, but nearly everyone made arrangements to dine with someone else from the group. Somehow or other, we all found room for dinner even after lunch at Miner's.

Later in the evening, several couples dropped in on the piano bar at the Columbia Gorge Resort next door to our more modest accommodations at the Vagabond. Others relaxed at the



Tony K., who turned out to be quite the entertainer, at the Columbia Gorge Resort. Photo by Tom Smith.

motel and enjoyed a slice of watermelon while discussing wedding-crasher strategies for Saturday evening at the Gorge Resort. Several folks on the tour had enjoyed one or both of the Yellowstone trips that Dale and Regena helped stage and soon the question was posed – "When do we get our 'Smores?'"

Saturday morning started with a quick drive east to The Dalles for breakfast at Cousin's. The waiting area was packed, but our tour leaders had made arrangements and we were seated immediately upon arrival. Nice touch!

Next stop was the Gorge Discovery Center, where we quickly engineered a 20% group discount. It would take days to fully explore the Discovery Center – suffice it to say that we all found something of interest whether it was the geology of the Gorge, historic trade routes via the Columbia or the hey-days of salmon and cherry canning in The Dalles. The time allotted was up all too soon.

Armed with our new-found knowledge of the Gorge, we headed

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At the Gorge Discovery Center. Photo by Tom Smith

west on old Hwy 30, yet another great stretch of Miata road. We ascended via innumerable switchbacks to a scenic overlook just west of Rowena, then down just as many switchbacks and curves to Mosier. The tour called for an ice cream break that just about everyone wanted to blow-off until Dale mentioned the shop also has a small collection of Porsches. The car-guy / gearhead contingent ruled, thankfully, as the proprietor (who counts Jerry Seinfeld among his historic Porsche-buying customers) asked if we had done the "7 mile loop". That was one of the few twisty roads that had escaped the attention of our tour leaders, but a quick revision of the plan had us zoom-zooming back toward The Dalles on a delightful mix of high speed sweepers, switchbacks and elevation changes. The road was sooo good, we flipped a U and drove it back into Mosier!

Lunch was unscripted in Hood River, then on to the two signature features of the western end of the Gorge: the waterfalls and Vista House, more commonly known as Crown Pointe. The



Fred & Bev Rudd at Multnomah Falls. Photo by A.J. McGranaghan.

Scenic Highway is twisty, narrow, heavily traveled and has few turnouts in this area, so the group split up to explore the area individually. Tom & Cindy climbed to the top of Multnomah Falls while the rest of us selected somewhat less ambitious ways to enjoy the area. The group assembled again at Vista House, which has been used for scores of car commercials over the years, before heading further west for dinner.

Dinner was at the renowned Tad's Chicken 'n Dumplings in Troutdale. Sharp-eyed Lourea Garka spotted George lurking near the cash register and ended the search for the wayward simian. George was snappily attired in a Puget Sound Miata Club t-shirt (no one but Regena Weber realized those came in size monkey petite!) and had pins on his cap from many of the same towns we visited while tracking him down.

Most everyone ordered the title entrée, but this time we had no warning regarding the size of the servings. Each order featured two dumplings, each the size of a slow-pitch softball. They were accompanied by cafeteria sized serving spoons and the whole scene just begged for a food fight to break out!

Somehow or another we avoided that mischief. Stuffed to the gills (AGAIN!), we mounted up for the drive back to Hood River, but not before noting that the neon in the restaurant sign actually read Tad's Chic Dump.

The roads were nearly deserted for the return trip to Hood River. Dale set a very enjoyable pace in his Mazda 6 and we all enjoyed the twilight drive. The group gathered in the motel parking lot to applaud our over-achieving tour leaders, and then it was time for more watermelon and, of course, 'Smores.

Regena had checked with motel management to make sure we could use the propane-fired BBQ grille for our 'Smores, but quickly discovered that the previous user had left the valve open. No propane. It just wouldn't do to have a Weber-led multi-day out-of-state (but not out of the country) tour without 'Smores, so we asked if there was 1) a spare propane bottle or 2) another heat source. We struck out on 1), but the manager offered the use of his Trager smoker. *Electric* Trager smoker. We are nothing if not adaptable & quickly shifted our gathering place to one a bit closer to an electrical outlet and then patiently (or maybe not) waited for the Trager to heat up. Mmmmm, hickory smoked 'Smores! Okay, the first 'Smores were sort of weird, but the hickory smoke abated soon enough.

The return trip on Sunday morning was also unscripted. A number of people returned to Cousins to abuse their waistlines a bit more. Some opted for the faster but decidedly less scenic interstate route while most meandered a bit on their way home. George was last seen in the company of the Garkas, but most thought he already appeared to be planning his next escape.



To say the scenery - of both landscapes and Miatas - was breathtaking is to put it mildly. Above photo taken by A.J. McGranaghan. Bottom photo taken by Dale Weber.



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Zoomer Hits The Road

By Gail Hankinson

New members Dick and Gail Hankinson recently took "Zoomer," their '07 Miata, on a 1,325 mile road trip. They were invited by friends in the Spokane MG Club to join them as they caravanned from Spokane to beautiful Kelowna B.C. for the three-day Rally in the Valley. The Rally, sponsored by the Okanagan British Car Club, also had Miata classes, although the vast majority of cars were vintage MGs, Triumphs and Jaguars. Dick has built a custom trailer for Zoomer, and it drew much interest from the other car owners.

The drive from Spokane to Kelowna was beautiful, and the Hankinson's really appreciated the hospitality of the Spokane and British Columbia Car Club members. It seems that car lovers are car lovers regardless of the age or lineage of the vehicles.



Silverdale Parade

Photos by Mindy Bohnas



event aftermath

Miatacross 2007

Photos by Randy Umemoto



No one gets in unless the Gate Keeper (Rosa Umemoto) says they can!



And Sean gave a speech!



"Okay, Christy, be nice to Kermit!" Cisco sees Christy off on her run at Miatacross.



Didn't know Miatacross was big enough to have the blimp on hand, did ya?



Getting checked out at the Tech Station.



After helping with registration, it's time for Mindy Bohnas to go play!



Cisco's turn!

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Jumpin' July

By Denise Williamson



Four events in three weeks at three venues— what more can you ask for? July 14-15 was a double-header of sorts out at Packwood. SCCA Pro #2 was held on Saturday, and SCCA Solo Event #5 was held on Sunday. As you may remember from a recent article, a Pro has a different format from a “regular” event. This pretty much doesn’t stop anyone from giving it a whirl and getting addicted to it. Although the results haven’t been posted due to a software snafu, I do know that it was kite-flying weather.

As for the “regular format” event on Sunday, there were 186 entrants, there were ten PSMC drivers. First up is Stock 2, in which *Rich Blake* won a fourth place trophy with an E Stock indexed time of 55.946. In Stock 3, *Dieter Beldi* won a second place trophy in his Mazdaspeed 3 with a D Stock indexed time of 56.025. Street Mod 2 was once again a popular PSMC class, with first, second, and fourth places being earned by *Brett Wilson* (65.709), *Enrique Garcia* (66.114), and *Rickey Carlson* (75.346) respectively. In a rare appearance, Brett’s pretty wife, *Laura Wilson*, won first place in Street Mod 2 Ladies with a 75.928. The next time you see Brett’s car (’99 Miata), see if you can sneak a peek under the hood – I think there’s a monster in there! *John Kabigting* did a great job in Novice AM, winning a second place trophy with a 78.255. Another popular class was Open PAX. *Glen Hernandez* won a ninth place trophy in a Lotus Elise with a Super Stock indexed time of 54.870, *Alan Dahl* placed 11th in a Mazda RX-8 with a B Stock indexed time of 54.966, and *Tim Irwin* continued his beat-the-car-owner trend by placing 30th in a Porsche 911 RS America with a B Stock indexed time of 58.571. Kudos for the event go to Glen Hernandez, who placed 10th on the “Top Indexed Times” list.

Fast forward one week to Bremerton and SCCA #6. Although there were only 96 entrants, eight of them were PSMC drivers. Street Mod 2 got hit with the good ol’ 1-2-3 PSMC smack-down with *Enrique Garcia* (58.940), *Brett Wilson* (59.316), and *Rickey Carlson* (61.805) placing 1-3 respectively. It was a similar story in Open PAX, with PSMC drivers placing 4th, 5th, and 6th. *Glen Hernandez* placed fourth in a very familiar Mazdaspeed3 with a D Stock indexed time of 40.080, *Tim Irwin* placed fifth in a Porsche 911 RS America with a B Stock indexed time of 42.041, and *Alan Dahl* placed sixth in his Pontiac Solstice with a C Stock indexed time of 42.102. *Russ Hill* ran in Non-Stock 4 to a tenth place finish in his nice, red Miata, with an STS2 indexed time of 50.260. In Stock 3, *Dieter Beldi* won first place in his Mazdaspeed3 with a D Stock indexed time of 40.453. Kudos for the event go to Glen Hernandez and Dieter Beldi. Glen had the fourth Top Indexed Time, and the tenth Top Time; Dieter had the sixth Top Indexed Time.

Last in July, but most certainly not least, was the July 29th BEAC Enduro, held in Everett. This event was originally in August, but was at the same time as a Bremerton Sports Car Club autocross. The decision was made to move it to July 29, and was put together in short order by a group that included many BEAC/PSMC members like Russ Hill, Glen Hernandez, and Dieter Beldi. Big kudos to **Enrique Garcia** who chaired this

September Autocross

For details see wwscc.org

- 2 NWR/SCCA Regional #7 @ Bremerton Raceway
- 3 BSCC Autocross #7 @ Bremerton Raceway
- 4 BSCC Monthly Meeting @ Tony’s Pizza
- 8 Oregon Region SCCA Practice Day @ Packwood
- 9 Oregon Region SCCA Event #7 (stock AM) @ Packwood
- 11 NWR/SCCA Solo Committee Meeting @ Bill’s Bodacious BBQ, Renton
- 15-16 SCCA NorPac Division – Divisional @ Helena Emergency Services Training Center
- 17 WWSCC Council Meeting @ Rogue Brewery, Issaquah
- 21-22 SCCA ProSolo National Championships @ Heartland Park, Topeka, Kansas
- 25-28 SCCA Solo National Championships @ Heartland Park, Topeka, Kansas

successful event. Enduro has been around for a long time (29 years?), and is currently the only “different” format in the WWSCC Championship Series. In a regular event, you take your run, drive back to grid, and wait until it’s your turn again. Then you repeat the cycle a few more times. In Enduro, the course is continuous. You get part of a lap as a practice, and then you take all three of your runs at once. It is fun, but sometimes people forget to breathe (not kidding!). This time, there were 99 entrants, and the weather was a little chilly. In the morning were the non-stock classes. Let’s start off with *Russ Hill*, who placed eighth in Street Tire Touring with an STS2 indexed time of 41.994. Next up is *TJ McGeary*, who won first in the Improved B class with a 51.262. Open Street had another strong showing of PSMC drivers. *Dieter Beldi* won first place with a 45.399. Just back in second place was *Bob Bundy*, with a 46.651. Then came the afternoon, with the stock classes and three PSMC drivers. *Rich Blake* won first place in Stock C with a 48.939. In PRO1, *Glen Hernandez* won a third place trophy in a Mini Cooper S with a G Stock indexed time of 37.511; *Enrique Garcia* placed sixth in Kim’s Miata with an STS2 indexed time of 38.276. Kudos for the event go to Dieter Beldi, who had the sixth Top Time of the event.

If you haven’t come out to play yet, why not? There are still some events left this fall. Check out www.wwscc.org for the calendar. The popular Fall BSCC **AUTOCROSS SCHOOL** is scheduled for October 13. This class fills up very quickly! Stay tuned to www.bscc.net so you can sign up as soon as it’s open for registration. Now get out there and have some fun!

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“Enduro!”

All photos by Denise Williamson



Dieter Beldi



Russ Hill



T. J. McGeary



Bob Bundy receiving his trophy from Enrique Garcia.



“Did ya see how close I got to that cone?” Bob Bundy, Dieter Beldi and Mike Duncan after the Enduro.

Lunch With Don

By Bonnie Lohkamp

I received a message from Don Yoho, the Past President of the Spacecoast Miata Club which encompasses the area around Coca and Titusville, Florida. He was coming out to visit family and wanted to know if I would like to join him for lunch. Of course, I said I would! So on Saturday, July 21st, we met at Anthony's Beach Cafe in Edmonds on Saturday, July 21st. Don brought along his niece, whose home he was staying at on Bainbridge Island, and we had a wonderful lunch and great conversation.

The Spacecoast Miata Club was formed on December 11, 1989, just one day after ours, so it holds claim to being the *second* oldest Miata club in the nation. Don has owned Miatas since 1990 and currently has a 2006 Copper Red Metallic. He said that my Miata (1994 Laguna Blue) brought back some fond memories as he purchased one when they first came out. He had it until he purchased the 2006. At one time, he and his wife each had their own Miatas just like Larry and I do.

Don didn't come empty-handed. He brought t-shirts and hat pins from their club for each of us, both of which were gorgeous. Thankfully, I had a couple of shirts made up for him on short notice at Eagles Nest in Stanwood, on which they put his car color so it worked out well.

Before he left, he invited Larry and me to attend one of Spacecoast Miata Club's meetings when we make our yearly (or sometimes twice a year) trip back to Florida. Plus, he gave us some great insight on the state we hope to make our home in the next few years. Our trips to Florida are always fun-filled, but now we have a little something extra to look forward to!

WANTED NEEDED MUST HAVE

Assistant Sounder Editor ASAP

Before present editor
SPONTANEOUSLY COMBUSTS!

Present editor would love to share duties of Sounder newsletter: formatting, editing and layout. No experience with Pagemaker or Adobe Photoshop necessary.

Please call Cindy at 360-668-5508 or email her at tomaci@verizon.net NOW if you can provide her some assistance.

New Faces

We hope to meet you at an event soon!

By Randy Umemoto



Anthony McIntosh Des Moines, WA 91 Red

Familiar Faces

Try a new Miata Event this year!

Marilyn Huckleberry & Tom Mackey	99 Sapphire	8 yrs
Rick & Sue Wilson	03 Garnet Red	6 yrs
Paul Jacobsen	99 Black	1 yr
Patty & Chris Johnson	92 Red	5 yrs
Robert & Gayle Borst	06 Galaxy Grey	1 yr
Gene & Ellie Wilson	05 Silver	12 yrs
Denise Williamson	93 Red	8 yrs
Bill Bell	06 Copper Red	1 yr
Starke Shelby	90 White	1 yr
John Brandy & Debby Deryck	95 Red	1 yr
Larry & Bonnie Lohkamp	94 Laguna Blue	5 yrs
Richard & Barbara Gates	96 Red	2 yrs
Pat & Dick Foster	90 Mariner Blue	15 yrs

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- Whidbey Island Mazda of Oak Harbor (360) 675-2218*

President's Message

By Bonnie Lohkamp, PSMC President

It looks like another month has gone by and we are already about to enter fall. That does not mean the Miata events stop by any means. Looking at September, I see we have quite a few events on the calendar, but we always have room for more. If you have an idea for an event, please submit it to the website and let's get out there and drive while the weather is still great.



September starts off with the Tour to South Bend Parade. This is a great event and you can do whichever part you prefer or you can do it all! It is in conjunction with the Corvette de Olympia car club, where every other year, the clubs switch off to lead the group from breakfast in Centralia to South Bend over some wonderful twisty roads. I remember the trophy we won 2 years ago in South Bend for the parade. It was so tall Mindy had to put it in the passenger seat for the drive home. Luckily, the weather was good. Our next parade will be in Mukilteo; this is a sweet, short parade in which we carry city dignitaries. After the parade, I usually have our parade group over for lunch at our home. At the end of the month, we have the Leavenworth Parade. It will be followed the next day by the North Cascades Tour. Once again, you can do the parade, the lunch at the winery and the North Cascades or choose just to do the part that suits you best. Please be sure to let your hosts know which part(s) you will be doing.

As I write this, we just got finished putting on this year's Miatacross. The weather was great and we had a wonderful turnout. Our many thanks go to the folks that make this event what it is: Sean McGriff, Denise Williamson and Dieter Beldi. This event is what makes our club tick with the income it brings in. If weren't for Sean, Denise and Dieter, the club would not be able to put on the Gathering or host the Holiday Party much less keep YOUR expenses low in participating. As club members, we need to get out and give our full support to this event, so please keep this in mind for next year. Volunteers are always needed.

Well that is it for this month. Now to get busy finalizing some plans for the Gathering, which, of course, will just be a memory by the time you get this Sounder. With that said, I sure hope I saw many of see many of you there; it promises to be a great day!

"Live for sunny days and warm nights"

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

September 2007

- 2 South Bend Parade (see page)
- 8 Mukilteo Parade
- 29 Autumn Leaf Parade in Leavenworth
- 30 No. Cascades Hwy III hosted by McGranaghan (see page 1)

October 2007

- 27 Final Haunted Places Tour hosted by Smith & McSherry (see page 3)

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 (see page 3)

Classifieds

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.

Summer's End at Lacey
6th Annual Car Show

Saturday, September 15, 2007
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM @ Huntamer Park
618 Woodland Square Lp SE

For additional information and or directions, call Lacey parks & Recreation at 360-491-0857 or go to their website at www.ci.lacey.wa.us



Summer's end at Lacey 2004. Photo by Tom Smith.

SUMMER'S END AT LACEY OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

Please make checks payable to:
Lacey Parks & Recreation
PO Box 3400
Lacey, WA 98509-3400

Entry fee (per vehicle):
Early registration (postmarked by Sept. 7th).....\$15.00
Sept. 8 -day of show registration fee.....\$20.00

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