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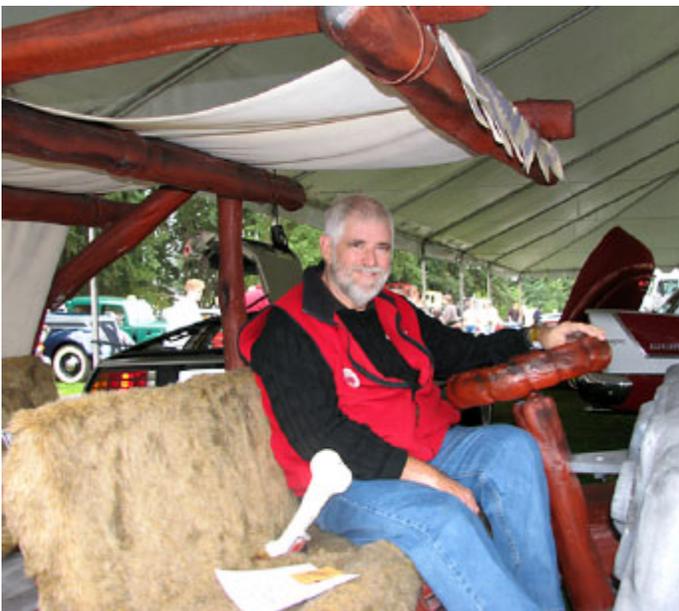
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The Oldest Miata Club in the World*

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The Olympic Peninsula tour is one of drives planned for October as the season for “top down” weather winds donw. See page 3 for details.

(Photo by Tom Millar)



Mike Springer takes advantage of a photo opportunity in the Flinstones Movie Car, one of many features at the LeMay Open House. Details, p. 6.

(Photo by Mindy Bohnas)

‘Ring in the Holidays’ at PSMC party Dec. 6

Hosted by PSMC Board

Contact: Mindy Bohnas, 360-731-3897

It may seem like fall has not yet ended, but it’s not too early to start thinking about the “rainy season” when tops come up and our thoughts turn to holiday time off and the endless parties.

Mark the date for the annual PSMC holiday party, which will commence Saturday, December 6 at the Lake Ballinger Country Club in Mountlake Terrace with the theme, “Ring in the Holidays.” This venue is a change from the past four years, and it promises to be a great place to gather and enjoy an evening with your Miata friends.

Cocktails will start at 6 p.m., followed by dinner around 6:45 p.m. This year’s menu will feature salad, turkey or ham, two kinds of potatoes, a vegetable dish, rolls and the ever-popular dessert. Tickets for beer or wine will be handed out at the door, with an opportunity to purchase additional cocktail tickets at the door.

Each ticket purchased includes one chance to win a raffle prize. In addition, you will have a chance to purchase additional raffle tickets so if there’s a prize you especially like, you can better your chances to win it with additional tickets.

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This tabletop alarm clock sounds like a racecar when the alarm sounds, and looks like a racecar tire! It’s one of the unique door prizes you could win at this year’s holiday party Dec. 6.





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upcoming events

Corn Maze Drive set for October 11

Hosts: Charlotte Fellers & Tom & Cindy Smith

Contact: 253-333-7442 or

editorcharlotte@gmail.com for more information.

The Corn Maze drive is a new fall event added to the PSMC calendar this year, scheduled for October 11 at 1 p.m. If you have never taken the opportunity to visit one of the many corn mazes in the area during the fall harvest season, this is your chance to see what all the excitement is about and have some fun with your Miata friends too.

This drive will be hosted by Charlotte Fellers and Tom and Cindy Smith. The starting point for the drive will be at Gene Coulon Park in Renton, where you can get lunch beforehand at Kidd Brothers Burgers or the Ivar's on the waterfront in the center of the park. There are facilities for those who want to use them prior to leaving for the drive. The drive will take about 45-50 minutes once we leave the park, and we'll see some off roads in the Renton area and wind our way through the Kent valley to the Carpenito Brothers Corn Mazes in Kent. Located at the intersection of West Valley Highway and 277th St., this year's mazes will feature a spaceship and an alien. The mazes are 2 to 2.3 miles, and the cost is \$7 plus any extra items you purchase, such as food from the fresh vegetable stand, excellent caramel popcorn (munchies during the corn maze!) and a chance to choose and purchase pumpkins, decorative and edible squash, and late season fresh corn on the cob. We'll have prizes for the fastest and slowest times through the two mazes (one for each). The day will end with a food event at the home of co-host Charlotte Fellers in Auburn. You can RSVP to the website or call Charlotte at 253-333-7442 to RSVP at the last minute.

Directions to Gene Coulon Park from I-405: From the North, **take the Sunset/Park St Exit, go right at the end of the exit ramp; take the first right turn and follow the road around to the main entrance to the park. Meet at the picnic tables near Kidd Valley Burgers.** From the South: **Take the Sunset/Park St. exit; turn left at the end of the off-ramp. Turn right at the second light and follow the road around to the main entrance; meet at the picnic tables near Kidd Valley Burgers.**



The Pumpkin Patch at Carpenito Brothers

(Photo by Charlotte Fellers)

upcoming events

Olympic Peninsula Tour kicks off October tours

October 4-5, 2008

Meeting date & time: Oct. 4th @ 9:00 AM

Meeting place: Hawk's Prairie Restaurant
8306 Quinalt Dr. NE, Lacey

Hosted by Millar & McGranaghan



Here's one of the views of the peninsula you can enjoy if you join the Millars and McGranahans on the Oct. 4-5 tour!

(Photo by Tom Millar)

by Tom Millar

(Editor's Note: **By now, it is assumed that you have booked your individual accommodations at Pacific Beach. Remember, you are not on the hook financially unless you cancel after 10 days prior to the day of your stay. More details are included in this article!**)

Imagine the grandeur of the great Pacific Northwest, enjoying the magnificent Fall colors, while traveling the historic Highway 101. This pristine tour will begin at 7 Cedar's Casino in Sequim with lunch on or before 11:30 a.m.

We will have three departure points from around the Puget Sound: Hawk's Prairie Casino and Restaurant in Lacey; Edmonds Ferry Terminal; and the Keystone Ferry Terminal on Whidbey Island. For further details on these separate departure points and times, contact Tom Millar at (206)390-3469.

Following lunch, the tour will proceed along Highway 101 and stop at the Harbinger Winery on the outside of Port Angeles. After some tasting of these fabulous wines the group will then continue their journey along Highway 101. Contrary to earlier communication, the tour will continue along Highway 101, going around Lake Crescent and onto Forks. Driving along the Pacific coast, traveling through Kalalock and Quinalt, the tour will deviate once again from Highway

101 onto the Moclips Highway, arriving at Pacific Beach Motel & Conference Center in time to check in, enjoy dinner and continue our grand time.

The Pacific Beach Motel & Conference Center is a Navy recreational facility, operated out of Naval Station Puget Sound in Everett. Tom Millar, a retired Coast Guard Lieutenant Commander, will be your host at the Navy facility. This facility was once an active Naval station, monitoring submarine activities along the Pacific coast. Today, it is a full service recreational facility featuring several motel-like rooms and "Presidential Suites", with pricing ranging from \$50 - \$87 per night. It also has a game room, bowling alley, outside activities, gift shop, restaurant and a full service bar.

By now, all participants should have arranged their own reservations at the overnight venue at Pacific Beach. But if you decide at the last minute that you'd like to go, you will need to make your own reservations by calling 1-888-463-6697, referencing the Puget Sound Miata Club and Tom Millar, LCDR (ret.), USCGR. This is the way this works: when you make a reservation, your credit card will be charged for the stay. However, you have up until 10 days before the date of arrival to cancel the reservation and receive a credit to your card. The Navy also has a web site at: <http://www.navalypnw.com/site/68/Pacific-Beach.aspx>, where you can view the hotel features for yourself. Following dinner, there is a party room that we can use for an after-dinner gathering.

Following breakfast the next day, the tour will continue along the coast for awhile and then inland where we will visit another winery and enjoy some twisty roads on our way back home. As a later lunch option, we have selected the Little Creek Casino off of Highway 101 for those that are interested.



Late-season wildflowers line the shores of the peninsula waters near Moclips, along the Pacific Coast Hwy. 101.

(Photo by Tom Millar)

instant replay/upcoming events

First-ever Progressive Supper run proved 'tasty' for all

Sometimes you just can't ask for more: a stunning, sunny and warm afternoon, good food, and great company. That was the collective opinion of seven Miata drivers and their companions on the first-ever "Progressive Supper Run" September 13.



Tom Gores, left, and Rory Bohnas, right, enjoy a glass of wine and some conversation at the first stop of the Progressive Supper, the Ohlsen home in Yelm.

Photo by Mindy Bohnas

Hosted by three drivers, the run began in Yelm (yeah, that's way south!) at Safeway for a two-mile drive to the five-acre estate of Allen and Cheryl Ohlsen, who are enjoying a new home they completed in 2005. Appetizers and a crisp lettuce salad started off the drive, which commenced for about an hour through beautiful rural Pierce County and along the water in Stillacoom. The ride featured beautiful late-summer flowers, sparkling water, and views of Mt. Ranier from many sides. The main course of lasagna rolls and another great lettuce salad, along with garlic bread, featured a stop at the cozy home of Mike and Lilly Springer in Tacoma. They were proud to show off a "studio" they are constructing in the backyard, which could house a dinner party for 50 instead of 14!

The drive ended after another 45-minute drive through Tacoma and Jovita, into King County and finally terminating in central Auburn, at the retro (1962-era) home of Charlotte Fellers. Drivers and passengers enjoyed dessert wine over pound cake, ice cream and strawberries, along with cheese and fruit. Here, members viewed improvements to some of the backyard features of Charlotte's home.

Now if this drive sounds like fun to you, take heart: those who attended were heard saying, "next year, maybe we could..." and kicking around ideas for a similar drive that would include the Gig Harbor members, who have remodeled and new homes to show off to fellow drivers. When food, sun, and a drive with the top down, are involved, just plan an event and they will come!



Lots of room to park the Miatas makes the Ohlsen home in Yelm a great meeting place. Notice the tops were down for this sunny event!

Photo by Mindy Bohnas

'Ring in the Holidays' promises fun for all

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This year's door prizes will be handled differently from the past few years as well. Rather than many small door prizes, the closet has been stocked with just a few in-demand door prizes. You will be able to drop your door prize ticket into the jar beside the prize you'd most like to win. If you wish, you can purchase additional door prize tickets and stuff the box so you will be assured of winning that prize. We'll have 3-5 door prizes to choose from, including the clock pictured on page 1, which we found at the LeMay Museum Gift Shop.

Another opportunity to win a prize will occur with a fun ice-breaker after dinner that will get you involved in meeting more people that you may not have met prior to the party. A knowledge of some of the members and the cars they drive will come in handy for this fun activity.

One of our charitable giving projects is to support the Toys for Tots program, so if you'd like to participate, this is your chance! Just purchase a toy for a child through age 12, boy or girl, valued up to \$10 and bring it to the party. Our volunteers will make sure they get delivered.

Dancing and karaoke have been a theme of holiday parties past, so, back by popular demand, we'll have both of these favorites to close out the evening. We hope to arrange a hotel nearby for those who want to spend the night in the area rather than drive home. The details will be announced in the November newsletter. Cost for this year's party is \$20 per person. Pre-registration will start in mid-November, so look for final details in the November Sounder.

Miatas as hot as the pavement for Main Events

By Denise Williamson

Okay, so they weren't THE big event (Nationals), but they were the most competitive and action-packed events in the NW region for 2008. The SCCA National Tour was held in Packwood on August 16-17, drawing competitors from as far away as Florida and Alberta, Canada. The weather was hot hot hot! How hot was it? It was so hot, that the usually energetic competitors were somewhat subdued at the Saturday banquet. That didn't stop anyone from getting tasty food and drink inside the Packwood firehouse, though.

I can testify that the Laughing Buddha Beers (courtesy of Full Throttle Bottles in Georgetown) tasted **really** good. With temperatures over 90F degrees and being out on the asphalt all day, everyone was drained. PSMC drivers did well, and brought home three trophies.

Glen Hernandez, driving a 2006 Lotus Elise, won Super Stock (take **that**, Corvettes!). Alan Dahl also won his class (A Stock) in his 2007 Pontiac Solstice GXP. In E Stock, Rich Blake drove his 1994 Miata to a fourth place finish – only .866 away from a trophy. TJ McGearly placed fourth in STS2, co-driving a 1993 Miata. Dieter Beldi won a third place trophy in D Stock in his 2007 MazdaSpeed 3, much to the chagrin of some Cobalt drivers.

Only one week later was the SCCA ProSolo, also held in Packwood (where else can you get covered pits?). The weather was much better this time, quite nice in fact. Strangely enough the results for PSMC drivers was almost identical to the previous weekend's event (three trophies).



Dieter Beldi, left, and Glen Hernandez show off their wins at the August Autocross Packwood ProSolo.

(Photo by Denise Williamson)

Instead of placing first like they did at the NT, Glen and Alan placed second in their classes (.209 and 1.165 out of first, respectively). Dieter again won a third place trophy, and TJ again placed fifth. Glen made the Super Challenge, but red lit on his first attempt. Mother Nature was kind enough to hold off the sprinkles until part way into the trophy presentation.

Two great weekends, four days of racing, lots of friends and fun. It doesn't get much better than that! Fear not: the racing season is not over yet! To see upcoming dates, go to www.wwscc.org. To see pictures, go to <http://autocrossplus.exposuremanager.com/>. Also of note: the October 11 **NOVICE SCHOOL**. If you are interested, keep checking <http://bscc.net/> (also accessible via the WWSCC website) for the opening of registration. These schools are very popular and fill up fast. Come on out and have some fun!



Alan Dahl competed in the Packwood ProSolo with his Pontiac Soulstice GXP. He won in the A Stock Class (he owns a Miata too!)

(Photo by Denise Williamson)

October Autocross

(For more info, go to www.wwscc.org)

- 4 Oregon Regional SCCA, Event #8
(Stock PM) Packwood
- 5 Oregon Regional SCCA Event #9
(Stock PM) Packwood
- 7 BSCC Monthly Meeting Round Table Pizza,
Gig Harbor
- 10 BSCC Lapping #4 Bremmerton Raceway
- 11 BSCC Novice School Bremmerton Raceway
- 12 BSCC Event #8 Bremmerton Raceway
- 14 NWR/SCCA Solo Committee Mtg. Goldie's
Airport Way (SCCA)
- 19 NWR/SCCA Event #8 Bremmerton Raceway
- 20 WWSCC Council Mtg. Goldie's Airport Way
- 26 WWSCC Sports Car Spectacular TBD

instant replay

LeMay Museum open house truly a 'remarkable' event



by Dee Dahlke and Duncan Johnson

(*'99 silver Miata "Road Dancer"*)

When we were younger, which wasn't that long ago it seems, we often wondered why old geezers always got up so early in the morning when they didn't have to go to work and could be sleeping in. Well, now that we have entered retirement we know the answer: if you're a motor-geezer you've always got places to go and things to do in The Hobby, so you've got to start early. (oh groan!)

August 30 was one of those "places to go," when the annual LeMay Museum Open House, a must-do for classic car enthusiasts, drew hundreds of car junkies and casual onlookers alike. On this particular Dawn Patrol, Duncan drove "Mistress" ('72 red Corvette) and Dee would normally have taken "Zatarah" ('67 orange Camaro convertible,) but a late desperate phone call convinced her to drive "Road Dancer" ('99 silver Miata) to fill in the Miata Club display on the show field.



This rotating Nash was one of the featured cars at the LeMay Museum Open House. This was one of more than 1,000 cars on display this year.

Photo by Mindy Bohnas

On the short 16-mile drive in, Duncan forgot he was in one of his vintage cars there and entered those turns a bit hot, but the old autocross reflexes kicked in and "Mistress" powered out using a bit more road than expected, but at least we didn't have to show any brake lights to those following.

The cruise-in part of the LeMay Open House just gets bigger

and bigger, and this year there were signs posted limiting displays to cars 25 years old or beyond, but we bluffed the modern sports cars in. Next time organized club displays will be a "must do" to accommodate our clubs' young 'uns on site.

It seems that as the museum gets more organized their car displays are being moved around, access and viewing are better (although still jammed) and thus the collection looks bigger than it ever was in the past, even if you are looking at "only" 1200 cars. Remarkable, really. We should bring a pedometer to see how many miles we walked. It would be a lot as it took about five hours to walk past every car on two sites. And Duncan was in his element as a "TV game show host" babbling loud and long about the history of various cars to anyone who would listen.

One of the best parts of the day is meeting so many friends from the motor hobby, which is a big tent indeed. Folks came out of everywhere. The vendor area had a display of the new Hyundai Genesis luxury sedan. Our initial reaction to it was, "Wow, that new BMW 5-series sure looks like a Saturn Aura." Game over, thanks for playing.

Another highlight for some club members was a tour of about 30 Teardrop campers. A community of Teardrop owners (they have their own club too), opened their urban campsites for viewing at the car show. These unusual campers are surprisingly efficient, low cost, and can be modified in 30 different ways (you can believe this after you see them). Some even had portable showers and toilets attached to the "bump out" living areas!

When it was time to go home the threatening skies finally let loose with a rain shower. Not enough to put the tops up, but the splatty rain drops hit the show field dust on the cars and made them look horrible. Cleanup followed back at the garage, and then we prepped for the next day. (**Editor's Note: See page 7 for the details of the Annual South Bend Parade Run.**)



Smaller than a Miata! This Smarte Car was one of the featured displays at the LeMay Museum.

(Photo by Mindy Bohnas)

instant replay

New route provides new scenery for South Bend run

by Dee Dahlke and Duncan Johnson

(*'99 silver Miata "Road Dancer"*)

Sunday, August 31, was the 4th annual combined clubs' road run to the South Bend parade, involving both Corvettes de Olympia and Puget Sound Miata Club. For those who came in late, here's a bit of history. A few years back, both clubs noticed they were appearing at the parade together and got the idea of joining up for breakfast and a scenic road tour to get there; thus a new event was born. This year it was the Miatas' turn to lead and Bob & Sally Thomas of PSMC were in charge.

Breakfast happened in their home town of Shelton, Washington Territory, unexplored geography for most of us. The Miata contingent included the aforementioned Bob & Sally, Dee, Charlotte Fellers Mindy Bohnas, John & Karen Brown (newcomers who saw the event on the web site,) Laurie & Ron Doring (up from Battle Ground, met us at Montesano) plus Bill Bell, Randy & Rosa Umemoto & princesses Alison & Katie (all who joined up at the parade start.) Quite the road show! The Miatas started first, and then the Corvette-and-a-half trailer rig led the CdeO delegation. For some of us this was a flashback to olden days when the whole club would tour together to a competition weekend somewhere, and the trucks/trailers pulling the Corvette race cars would go first to set the pace for the rest of us.

The tour route went northwest out of Shelton past the state prison toward Lake Nahwatzel, then south toward Shafer State Park, thence to a pit stop at Montesano and through the coastal hills on US 101 to South Bend. This, ladies & gentlemen, is why we own these wonderful sports cars; to drive them. Not just to wrench on them in the garage, or to sit at car shows and stare at them, or to attend club meetings or babble in web forums, but to get out and DRIVE. Drive on a crisp fall morning with the sun burning off the fog patches, drive briskly on winding country roads that go up hill and down dale, drive over mountains and through rain forests and past logging sites, drive past farms where the last of the crops are being safely gathered in and the barn cat is hunting in the tall grass along the fence line, drive with the top down and smell the scent of alder smoke from somebody's chimney, drive for the kids playing in Norman Rockwell front yards and waving to you, drive and enjoy it because when you approach Grays Harbor the dark clouds and chilly ocean breeze remind you that winter weather is coming and these great driving days will soon be consigned to The Port Of Missing Men. Drive.

Why would you do anything else? From the very tail end position the parade of cars ahead is just so pretty. Sleek, colorful, precisely spaced along the road in perfect choreography and.... oooooops. This road run always has some kind of an absurd "incident," and this year it was when the tour leaders got a little behind on their navigation. Of course, THAT has never happened before in these clubs. (Ahem.) In rally-speak we all did a "Right at T" that should have been a "Left at T." A couple of miles down the road everything ground to a halt and we regrouped. The Miatas with their maneuverability were able to U-turn with a precise pirouette

in the middle of the road, but the Corvette-with-trailer had to back and fill a bit to turn around. So we in the back of the pack had some catching-up to do. You know the drill. About 2000 horsepower kicked in and the action looked -- and sounded -- like one of those WWII movies where the dive bombers peel off from formation under full power to go after the enemy. Meanwhile up front the Miatas are madly zoom-zooming down the country road, having the time of their lives, and what should suddenly appear in everyone's rear-view mirror but this 33-year-old orange Corvette, pulling a trailer of all things, and latched right onto the pack, Jim & Jane slapping their dashboard and laughing out loud. You had to be there. Drive, indeed.

Oh yeah, we also passed the world's oldest and junkiest house trailer (we hesitate to call it a "mobile home,") which was equipped with the world's biggest and most elaborate array of solar energy panels on the roof. Perhaps it was just a creative rural resident living well "off the grid," but we old cranks suspect it would be probable cause to bust a grow operation inside, making its own electricity from nature's bounty of sunlight.

In Montesano we stopped for the usual fuel/espresso/restroom and discovered the local antiques vendor was promoting an upcoming big estate auction of classic cars and automobilia from some late hobbyist's collection. (www.druziauction.com) The photos enticed. Oh, what else might we jam into the garage? Meanwhile the "Latin Riders" motorsickle club had rumbled into the pit stop, so we all had to check out the other group's machines. We invited them to the parade, but they were headed to Long Beach. Soon enough we were back on the road and over the hills, remembering to slow down for the speed enforcement in Raymond, where we noticed the local officer was having a roadside conversation with an errant motorhome.

The usual pre-parade confusion was operating at full steam pressure in South Bend with lots of well-intentioned volunteers blocking traffic and then directing everyone around themselves. Up front in our group the Miata leaders stopped at the registration table and Dee also hopped out of her car to take care of registering the Corvettes stuck at the rear. The registrar said, "The Corvettes can find their place easily; they're right behind the horse unit." Dee replied, "Ewwwww, they're not going to like that!" and she negotiated a bit and got CdeO a parade position just ahead of the horses. Remember those heroics when you are voting for Member Of The Year. And when you're not having to clean your tires and wheel wells.

We quickly got into our pre-staged positions, wiped the road grime off the cars, decorated in our finery, and some folks even had time to walk around town, get a coffee, hit the shoppes, etc. The parade itself was "as usual," right down the closed-off half of US 101. Only about 55 parade units this year, perhaps the bum economy is taking its toll on the festival. But the spectator turnout was excellent and the crowds of happy small children seemed bigger than ever. This event is surely a big draw in the little country towns of

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'Safe Trick Or Treat' event scheduled for Bremmerton

October 31, 2008, 5-8 p.m.

Contact: Mindy Bohnas,
fun4sun@wavecable.com

by Mindy Bohnas

The Downtown Bremerton Association would like some Miatas (or other cars that kids or adults might like to see on Halloween), to park on some side streets to help keep the kids safe this Halloween.

The event lasts from 5 to 8 pm. The cars are needed to be parked in problem areas where sometimes drivers move aside the roadblocks set up by police and try to drive down the road anyway. We have the option of decorating our cars with some cobwebs and spiders (I have several I can lend out) or with other "costumes" or just parking without anything other than some magnets to advertise the club. I've got plenty of Halloween clings and other decorations if you would like to borrow something.

While your car is parked safely, having fun with the kids, (who are all walking around with their parents), YOU can eat dinner with the other drivers! There are several types of places to eat within walking distance. Anthony's Homeport is just a couple blocks away, or there is a Thai restaurant nearby. We found a great Mexican place last year to pass the time.

This is a fun event and a good excuse to help out a local community while getting away from your own house so you won't have to hand out any candy if that's not your thing. On the other hand, the kids really appreciate drivers standing by their cars handing out candy if you feel the need to do so! It's a win, win situation and since the next day is Saturday, I'm hoping that a few more cars will show up to help out this year!

If you are interested please use the RSVP link on the website or email the address above so I can give you more info on further details. I work a block away from the downtown area. We generally meet in my parking lot at about 4:45 p.m. The cars will have to move at 8 p.m. sharp so this won't be a late night, other than how long it takes you to drive back home, or hit a costume party afterwards!

Your Spooky Hostess,
Mindy Bohnas



Here's one of the Miatas decorated for the Safe Trick Or Treat at last year's event in Bremmerton.

(Photo by Mindy Bohnas)



Above, Laurie Doering decked out in red, white, & blue for the annual South Bend Parade. Below, Randy Umemoto cooks deep-fried halibut for the parade after-party in South Bend. Story on page 6.

(Photos by Mindy Bohnas)



President's Message

By Mindy Bohnas
PSMC President



Can you believe that summer finally arrived in September! Let's pray it stays nice through October as well.

Looking at the calendar this month I see that the First Friday Formal with Gayle Lazur, and the Olympic Peninsula Tour with the Millar's and McGranaghan's are probably already full events, but check the website anyway if you want to find out if last minute entries are still available!

The Corn Maze Tour on October 11th, with Charlotte Fellers and Tom & Cindy Smith sounds like a lot of fun! I've never done a corn maze so I will be there.

October 31st is a Friday this year, so I hope we'll get a few more cars able to make it to the Bremerton Safe Trick or Treat Night from 5 to 8 p.m. to help keep cars out of the walking area. See the Sounder article or check the website for more information about spiders, webs, and where we can eat dinner that night.

Even though autumn is upon us, there are still plenty of opportunities for quick drives or destination events. If you have an idea for an event at any time during the year, please let me know. It can be added to the website quickly, and I am now the keeper of past tour instructions so I might be able to give you some driving ideas.

Which reminds me... Would any event hosts who have provided driving instructions on their tours this year, please forward a copy to me for safekeeping and future possible tour use by another member? I will print a hard copy, but I would also like to start working on a way to make them available on the website. (In my non-existent spare time of course, but a girl can dream, right?)

While I'm dreaming, I would like to mention that your website committee and database coordinator are working together to get the online Members Only section working like it used to only BETTER! No timeframe for completion yet, but it has been a long time coming and the wait will be worth it.

Saturday, November 8 is the 2009 Calendar Planning Meeting & Board Meeting to follow. Check the calendar later for a place and time, which are in the works now. ALL Members are welcome at all board meetings. We need your input and ideas about what you want this club to do for you. Do you want more day tours? more overnight events? a monthly meeting? Do you prefer a mailed Sounder Issue and would you be willing to pay higher dues to keep it that way? These are the types of issues discussed at board meetings. Please contact myself or your nearest Regional Board Member if you have any questions, comments, ideas, or even complaints. We can't fix a problem if we don't know about it. (Just remember though, I have found that it is usually best to have a possible solution ready to offer when making a complaint about anything to anyone...)

On that note, I will say goodbye until next month.

Good weather wishes to all!



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

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2008 Calendar

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

October 2008

- 2-5 Backroads to Bavaria, hosted by Club Miata Northwest
- 3 First Friday Formal, hosted by Lazur
- 4-5 Olypmic Peninsula Tour, hosted by Millar and McGranaghan
- 11 Corn Maze Run, hosted by Fellers & Smith
- 31 Bremerton Safe Trick or Treat, hosted by Bohnas



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November 2008

- 8 Southend Planning Meeting, hosted by PSMC
- 23 Turkey Teaser, hosted by McGriff

December 2008

- 6 PSMC Holiday Party, hosted by PSMC Board, Lake Ballinger Country Club in Mountlake Terrace.
- 27 "After Christmas" party, hosted by Gores in Gig Harbor.

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South Bend Parade

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having to clean your tires and wheel wells.

We quickly got into our pre-staged positions, wiped the road grime off the cars, decorated in our finery, and some folks even had time to walk around town, get a coffee, hit the shoppes, etc. The parade itself was "as usual," right down the closed-off half of US 101. Only about 55 parade units this year, perhaps the bum economy is taking its toll on the festival. But the spectator turnout was excellent and the crowds of happy small children seemed bigger than ever. This event is a big draw in the little country towns of Pacific County and it is both fun and rewarding to be a part of their celebration. Also as usual at the finish line the hot dogs were cold and the sodas were warm and the rest rooms were barricaded off. Those elements could use some process improvement.

Most of the Miatas headed for Randy & Rosa's annual fish fry festival at Rosa's brother's home in Raymond, while some Corvettes departed on their own. Three carloads of Corvettes went over the hill for an atmospheric late lunch at Billy's Bar & Brothel of Aberdeen before the freeway slog home. Mark your 2009 calendar now for the Sunday of Labor Day weekend; we'll be running again.

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