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The Oldest Miata Club in the World

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PSMC helps celebrate 75th

by Bonnie Lohkamp

A great turnout of 21 Miatas represented the Puget Sound Miata Club on May 4 at the Lee Johnson Chevrolet 75th Anniversary Celebration. The car dealership invited the club to come and show off their freshly polished cars and enjoy a lunch on the house as well.

Among the events of the day were a number of free gifts for all members who attended, including dash plaques and five \$25 gift cards for service or parts at Lee Johnson's.

Mindy Bohnas developed a contest for determining the most popular new Miata on the lot. The winner in this contest was Bob Mott (many members said he should have a case of carpal tunnel with the time he spends primping up his car); second place was a tie between Mindy and Pam McGriff.

Another highlight of the day was the review of some old PSMC scrapbooks, detailing past events and drives. Memories and past "good times" were recalled by those in attendance.

In fact, it was so much fun that the club signed up three new members on the spot and two others were mailing in applications the next week.

Not only was it a great day, but the weather cooperated somewhat and made for a fun afternoon for all.



In the market for a new car? This ice blue beauty can be yours at Johnson's in Kirkland. Photo by Mindy Bohnas.

Detailin' Day a big success

50+ cars got a buff job for free!

by Mindy Bohnas



For those of you who decided to stay home because it was raining where you were, you should have braved the weather! Bill Cooper must have talked the Rain Gods into staying away from Coop's Miata in Maple Valley until about the last hour of the day and even then all that came was just a very fine "mist".

I don't have an official count, but I believe that more than 70 Miatas came and went during the day, as well as one large black Hummer. (Who was obviously curious or just lost and thought it would be a good idea to turn around in a field of Miatas.) Of those 70, around 50 made it to the buffing barn. The rest either were there to volunteer or mingle and had shiny cars already, or they just used the steam cleaner/vacuum area. A few attended to have the Dent Guy fix some dents.

If you weren't there you missed all this:

Coop's Miata: who provided a place to park and ALL the Washing Station, Engine Cleaning, Steaming, Buffing, and Waxing SUPPLIES as well as the tents, including the new "Waxing Area", tables, cones, signs, food storage, cooking grill and so much more. He had help with set up before the event from Bruce Haskin, Dieter Beldi, Sean Cooper, and Tom Rohn (who had walking pneumonia and should have been home in bed!)

The Check-In Area: which had Sean McGriff, Bill Bell, Carol Kus, Marti Mott, and Brian & Ling Lauderback to check the membership list, have the waivers signed, point new members to the Membership Area and everyone else to the various Detailing Stations or the parking area. They did a great job!

The Membership Area: which had copies of Sounders, Club Applications, Membership Packets for anyone who joined that day, and lots of other cool Miata stuff. Gayle Lazar, Marti Mott,

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upcoming events

It's parade season!

For more info, go to www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org



It's that time of year again, when Miatas can hit the road with the top down and load up the back half with princesses and dignitaries. That's right--it's parade time in the Northwest!

If you have never brought your Miata to a parade and experienced the excitement of driving down the street with crowds cheering and whistling at your car, then it's time you did!

Here's a quick rundown of parades the club has scheduled this spring and early summer:

Saturday, June 21st—Marysville Strawberry Festival Parade— evening, televised parade.

Saturday, June 28th—Port Orchard Fathoms of Fun Parade—also an evening parade

Friday, July 4th—Kingston Fourth of July Parade—lots of royalty groups to carry

Saturday, July 12th—Mercer Island Parade—tentative

Saturday, July 19th—Olympia Lakefair Parade—followed by a BBQ at Nathan and Casey's

Sunday, July 20th—Seattle Chinatown Parade—evening, televised parade

Saturday, July 26th—Silverdale Whaling Days Parade—daytime parade nice wide streets

Saturday, July 26th—Seattle Torchlight Parade—tentative still have not heard yet if we have been accepted.

For more information on parade information or to find out more, contact blohkamp@comcast.net or Dan White at poo@sillyoldbear.com



Miatas line up for the Sequim parade. Photo by Mindy Bohnas.

upcoming events

20th Annual Historic Racing at Pacific Raceways

July 4-6, 2008

PSMC Coordinator: Mike Springer

It is too late to order tickets to the PSMC "Car Corral" at the 20th Annual Pacific Northwest Historics this year, but you can still come out and support the SOVREN Guild of Children's Hospital. Over the last 13 years, almost \$3.5 million dollars has been raised at the races to benefit uncompensated care at Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center in Seattle.

Pacific Northwest Historics" features many of the world's rarest and most beautiful pre-1970 race cars. This year, more than 250 vintage racecars are expected to enter. Favorites include Ferraris, Lotuses, Cobras, Corvettes, Porsches, Austin Healeys and some less recognizable names like Elva, Ginetta, and McLaren. Most are in mint condition through extensive restoration and many attain speeds in excess of 150 miles per hour. Some of the cars are valued at over \$1 million and many have impressive racing histories. Competitors come from all over the West Coast and Canada. And if that isn't enough to draw you out, remember this year's featured Marque will be Porsche celebrating its 60th Anniversary and the celebrity guest will be Al Unser Sr., Gates open at 8:30 am. The cost is \$25 per car and driver each day; passengers are also \$25 per day. Passes for all three days are \$40 driver and car or passenger.



Board meeting and elections scheduled June 14

By Bonnie Lohkamp

A new board will be elected June 14 when the PSMC meets for a noon potluck at Coop's Miata in Maple Valley. All members are encouraged to attend.

The Nominating Meeting to introduce a slate of officers for the 2008-09 Fiscal Year convened April 5 with lunch at Round Table Pizza in Renton followed by a Board Meeting. About 20 folks attended and the following names were put into nomination for the new board for PSMC. There is a good mix of returning members and some new to the board folks also and it promises to bring a very exciting year ahead.

President--Mindy Bohnas (new)

CEO--Bonnie Lohkamp (past president)

Secretary--Gayle Lazur (returning but new in this position)

Treasurer--Sean McGriff (returning)

Directors at Large

Bill Bell (returning)

Charlotte Fellers (returning)

Larry Lohkamp (new)

Brian Louderback (new)

Ling Louderback (new)

Pam McGriff (new)

Cindy Millar (new)

Tom Millar (new)

Chris Stollery (new)

As you can see from the list, we have several husband and

wife combos involved this year.

RSVP on the PSMC website at www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org. Come on out and meet your new board!

Directions to Coop's: *From the North:* I-405 south, take the Enumclaw/Renton Exit; Left at the second light onto the Maple Valley Hwy (169); go about 9 miles. Right at the light onto SE 231st St; Up the hill to SE 210th St (Don't turn right). Go left into Coop's (look for the blue sign out front).

From the South: I-5 North; take the North Bend/Auburn, Hwy 18 Exit; Maple Valley/Renton Exit; Left over the overpass on SE 231st St; Up the hill to SE 210th St (Don't turn right). Left into Coop's (look for the Blue sign out front).



jee Johnson Chevrolet of Kirkland showed this new car at Detailin' Day. Photo by Mindy Bohnas.

upcoming events

Sunset Auto Tour IV

Saturday, June 7, 2008

Randy's Diner @ 9:15 AM

E. Marginal Way, Seattle

Hosted by Allan & Cheryl Ohlsen



Long before Interstate 90, before U.S. Highway 10, even before the Lake Washington floating bridge, there was the Sunset Highway. It was the main east/west route from Seattle to Spokane and beyond from about 1914 to 1940, snaking through every little town and community along the way.

Join us again, and especially if you are new members, as we trace the historical route of the Sunset Highway (Primary State Highway 2) from the south end of Seattle, through Renton, Issaquah, Snoqualmie, and North Bend all the way to Snoqualmie Pass. We'll take the back roads with a just a tiny bit of freeway, going from urban to suburban, to rural, and all the way to the Cascade mountain wilderness. There will be a couple of extra, fun twisty roads thrown in, culminating with a switchback road that will put a smile on everyone's face. We'll also stop for a short break at Snoqualmie Falls, and after we reach the summit and finish, we'll have lunch at the Family Pancake House.

We will meet at 9:15am at Randy's Diner at the south end of Boeing field on E. Marginal Way in South Seattle and leave around 9:30am for the tour. CB radios are HIGHLY encouraged for the historical snippets and trivia you may hear along the way, and cameras for what you may see. The tour should last until about 2pm giving you the rest of the day to enjoy.

Driving directions: From north or southbound I-5, take exit 158, E. Marginal Way. Go west to E. Marginal Way, go north (right) about three blocks and Randy's will be on the right. Please RSVP on the website or to Allan Ohlsen 206-444-6845 or mytrail@att.net

Mt. St. Helens Run

Saturday, June 15, 2008 @ 8 AM

County Cousin Restaurant

Centralia, located off I-5, exit 82

Hosted by A.J. & Vicki McGranaghan



This day trip is a Miata owner's dream in that it allows high speed, winding avenues of approach with many great views. The trip will begin in Centralia, starting off with a great breakfast at the Country Cousin Restaurant located at exit 82 (Harrison Ave & Outlet Malls) off of I-5. Meeting time for breakfast will commence at 8:00 AM on Sunday, June 15, 2008. A driver's meeting will start at or about 9:15 AM for those not wishing to join us for breakfast.

Before leaving Centralia, it is recommended that you purchase a lunch and a drink. The trip will then depart Centralia at or about 9:30 AM, proceeding South on I-5 to the Castle Rock exit (exit 49) and then proceed East on Hwy 504 through Silver Lake, Toutle and Kid Valley on our way to the volcano observatory. The distance from Castle Rock to the observatory is approximately 45 miles, with many opportunities to stop along the way at some great vistas and interactive centers prior to arriving at the Johnston Observatory. At the conclusion of our time spent at the Observatory (about 1 1/2 to 2 hrs), we will retrace our way back down westward on Hwy 504 and conclude our outing somewhere in Castle Rock. A total time elapsed from our breakfast meeting to the conclusion at Castle Rock will be about 5 to 6 hours. This will prove to be a great day out with beautiful scenery and great roads. We hope you can join us!

4th Annual Run to South Bend

Sunday, August 31, 2008

Your PSMC Hosts: Bob & Sally Thomas

Puget Sound Miata Club and Corvettes de Olympia will again join forces for a road run to the "Come and Play on Labor Day" parade and street fair at South Bend, WA. This year's is the Miatas's turn to lead the tour.

New Start location: We will depart from the area of Shelton, WA about 9:15AM for the road run over some lightly-traveled local twisty pavement. We plan the traditional "pit stops" at Montesano and/or Raymond. Your hosts are working on a pre-launch breakfast venue as well; details to be announced over the summer.

We'll arrive at South Bend about noon and clean the bugs off the cars. Bring your usual parade décor and mobile car-cleaning kits. Parade should start at 1:00PM. We may carry or escort dignitaries, as assigned by the committee. There are traditionally free hot dogs and sodas at the finish line for the participants, and then we cool down at local establishments before heading home (or to other weekend activities).

This event is ALL about driving down great sports car roads on a brisk morning of late summer or early fall. Our public service in supporting the South Bend parade is just an added attraction. Please register on the club website so the hosts have an accurate count of participants.

upcoming events/event aftermath

Olympic Peninsula Tour

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

Imagine the splendor of a late autumn tour of the Olympic Peninsula! On Saturday, October 4, 2008, Tom Millar and A.J. McGranaghan will be your hosts on this beautiful tour which will begin at 9:00 a.m. at Hawks Prairie Restaurant, located at 8306 Quinalt Dr NE, Lacey, WA, (360) 459-0900 .

We will travel along the magnificent waterways of the Hood Canal on our way towards Port Angeles where we will have lunch. Along the way we will make a stop at Hoodspout and visit the winery there. This scenic drive along Highway 101 will provide us several vantage points and stops to commune with nature and take in some of the region's history.

After traveling through the forests and along the coast we will arrive at Pacific Beach where we will spend the evening at the Navy's recreational and lodging site. A block of lodging will be reserved for our group. The pricing varies from a hotel-like room for \$50, a presidential suite for \$80 or a four bedroom house for \$100+. Since Tom Millar is a retired Lieutenant Commander in the Coast Guard, he will serve as the sponsor. You will be responsible for making your own reservations as well as individually taking care of your own finances for the room, meals, etc. The toll free number for the Navy facility is: (888) 463-6697. The Navy also has a web site at: <http://www.navylifepnw.com/site/68/Pacific-Beach.aspx>.

Dinner on Saturday will either be at the Navy's own restaurant or at the nearby casino in Ocean Shores.

Look for more details as the date nears. The tour is still under construction and Tom & AJ will be doing the pre-run in the near future. In the meantime, mark your calendars for what promises to be a grand time of driving and fellowship with your extended PSMC family.

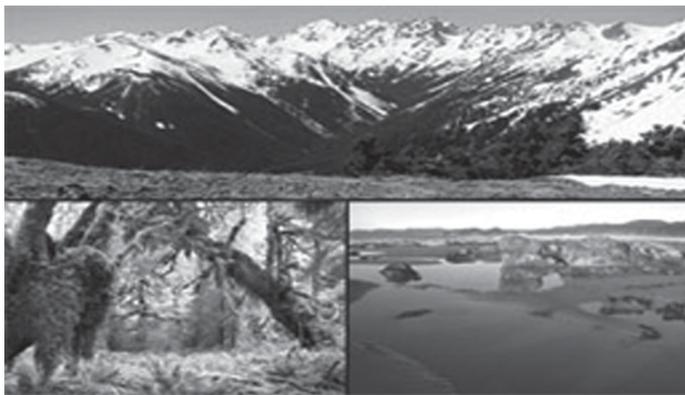


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Detailin' Day Aftermath

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Pam McGriff and others took time to help answer questions and sign up new members. Thank you for your help!

The Waiting Lines and Parking Area: Sean McGriff, Allan Ohlsen, Bob Mott, and probably others helped direct eager detailers to the proper places to line up for each station. Thank you for your help!

The Engine Cleaning and Car Washing Area: which was manned by several guys from the "Street Rats". They did a great job cleaning dirty engines and helping with set up before the event and clean up after the event.

The Buffing Crew: Headed up by Tom Smith (who provided some very nice green shirts to all his helpers and a few others!), with help from Randy Umemoto, Mike Springer, Ron Haworth, Sean Cooper, and a last minute fill in by Frank Shriver. These guys worked hard and were probably sore for several days after all that buffing, bending, and advice on how to keep your cars looking good the rest of the year. They deserve a big Thank You!

The Food Area: which was set up, cooked up, cleaned up, and more, mostly by the awesome team of Charlotte Fellers, Tom Millar, Ellen(Coop's sister), and Karen Perry. I DO remember that the burgers & fixins, chips, salads (made by Charlotte and Rosa), cookies (Homemade and provided by Rosa Umemoto & Happy Leonard, yum!), muffins, and drinks were GREAT!

Lee Johnson Chevrolet/Mazda: Tom Thoensen is their Internet Sales Director (425-766-3889), and he drove down a Shiny, Red 2008 MX-5 folding hardtop for everyone to see and play with for about an hour. We have many members who have bought one or more of their Miatas from Lee Johnson and highly recommend their dealership.

The Dent Guy: His name is John Nies, (206-819-6597) and he is amazing! I sure didn't think about it earlier, but I should have taken some before and after pictures of any/all the dents he's fixed for me over the years. He had morning plans so didn't arrive until after noon, but there were already three Miatas waiting for his services and he wasn't done fixing dents until after all the buffers were done and most of the clean up was done as well! Needless to say, I highly recommend him.

The Picture Area: I guess I didn't say the word **FREE** often enough when telling everyone to stop and get a picture of their sparkly, clean Miata before leaving for the day, because Lilly Springer says she only had about 6 cars (out of 60-70) pose for a picture! The pictures were printed on quality paper and in an 8 x 10 inch size. For those who posed, you got a DEAL! Sadly, the mist had started by the time my car was ready for a picture, but the rest of you have no excuses. I would like to thank Lilly for bringing her camera, printer and paper and spending the day with us, ready to take pictures.

There were some door prizes given out a bit later in the day which was a welcome surprise to many of us! And Coop

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club bizz/autocross/around town

Key positions filled by old-timers

by *Mindy Bohnas, Incoming President*

I would like for everyone to welcome a couple of folks who have volunteered to take on some new positions on the administrative staff of the club.

Charlotte Fellers one of our Directors-at-Large has agreed to step up and take over as the new Sounder Editor. This is a very challenging position and we owe a big thank you to Charlotte for taking this on.

Sean McGriff, our current Treasurer, has stepped up to take over as the Data Coordinator, replacing Randy Umemoto who has served in that position for many years (along with help from the one and only Rosa).

Let us welcome Dan White who will be the new Parade Co-Coordinator replacing Lindanne Gores who has helped in the past. For those of you who are not aware, Dan has a daughter by the name of Angelia who is in the Miss American Rose program which is one of the groups that we carry in many of our parades. Dan is the proud owner of a 92 Sunburst Yellow with the best parade seat you have ever seen.

Let's all extend a big "thank you" for these folks in volunteering to take on these tasks as it is the volunteers in this club that keep it going.

Remember

You can get your Sounder via email. It's simple! Email Sounder@comcast.net and we'll take care of the rest!



Coming in October



October 2-5, 2008
Leavenworth, WA

Hosted by
Club Miata NW

Event Full!

This event has reached full capacity of 250 people. "Thank you" to all who are pre-registered. For those of you who would still like to attend, there will be a waiting list. Complete a registration form and send it in with full payment. Your registration will be placed on the waiting list. You will be contacted if/when a space opens. Refunds will be made to non-participating waiting list registrants. Registration forms are found at Club Miata Northwest's website at www.clubmiata.com.

June Autocross

For details see wwscc.org

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| 1 | WWSCC TS Oversteer '08 | Bremerton Raceway |
| 3 | BSCC Monthly Meeting | Round Table Pizza,
Gig Harbor |
| 7 | NWR/SCCA Core Worker Practice | Packwood |
| 8 | NWR/SCCA Event #4 | Packwood |
| 10 | NWR/SCCA Solo Committee Meeting | Goldie's
Airport Way (SCCA) |
| 14 | Oregon Region SCCA Event #2 (stock PM) | PIR
South Paddock |
| 15 | Oregon Region SCCA Event #3 (stock PM) | PIR
South Paddock |
| 16 | WWSCC Council Meeting | Goldie's Airport Way
(WWSCC) |
| 20 | BSCC Lapping #1 | |
| 22 | BSCC Event #4 | Bremerton Raceway |
| 28 | NWR/SCCA Regional ProSolo #2 | Packwood |
| 29 | NWR/SCCA Event #5 | Packwood |



Explore Oregon

July 25-27, 2008

*Hosted by the Willamette
Valley Miata Club*

Join us for another great weekend of fun, as we return to the Beautiful Oregon Coast and Florence, Oregon. The fun will start with registration and a Welcome Reception at the Florence Events Center of Friday Evening. Saturday will be full of fun with several awesome drives being planned, along with some free time to do your own exploring. The Dinner Banquet will be held at the Florence Events Center Saturday evening and we will have some great door prizes and raffle items. And on Sunday there is a drive planned to Shore Acres Park and Sunset Bay.

Rooms reserved at the Driftwood Shores Resort and Conference Center (1-800-422-5091) and Edwin K Bed and Breakfast (1-800833-9465)

Cost: \$45 per person and \$85 per couple. Due to space availability, attendance will be limited to 100 people so make your reservations soon!



AMERICA'S CAR MUSEUM®

LeMay gets new board members

LeMay – AMERICA'S CAR MUSEUM® is pleased to welcome James Gary May and William Zuppe to the Museum's Board of Directors. May owns and operates Hopewell Land Partners, which is engaged in capital investments that include real estate development and investment, citrus, finance and factoring, private equity, banking, insurance, technology and many other corporate investments. Zuppe, co-founder of Sterling Savings Bank in 1981, served as Director, President and Chief Operating Officer of Sterling from its inception until December 31, 2007. In October 2003 he was promoted to Chairman of the Board and CEO.

David Madeira, President and CEO, is pleased to appoint someone with a background in venture capital. "Gary is a real entrepreneur with financial acumen and marketing savvy. In addition he's a car guy with a passion to promote the vision for AMERICA'S CAR MUSEUM. We're delighted to welcome him to our leadership team."

Mr. May currently serves on the Foundation Board at the University of Central Florida where he serves as the Chairman of the Investment Committee. He's also a member of the Board of Trustees for Interlochen Center for the Arts in Traverse City , Michigan where he serves on the Development and Institutional Advancement Committee. May currently resides in Windermere , Florida.

Madeira said of Mr. Zuppe, "Bill is one of those rare individuals who can create a vision for an institution, bring it into reality and lead its successful development over a sustained period of time. We're privileged to have him join us as these skills and his knowledge of institutional finance will bring great strengths to our Board."

Mr. Zuppe has also served as Vice President and Chairman of the Board of INTERVEST, Action Mortgage and Harbor Financial and a Director of Golf Savings Bank. He is also past Chairman of the Board for America 's Community Bankers; past Council President, Inland Northwest Council Boy Scouts of America; past Campaign Chairman, Spokane Area United Way ; and served on the Washington Savings League Board of Directors and the Federal Reserve Board – Thrift Institutions Advisory Council. Zuppe and his wife, Carol have been residents of Spokane , Washington for over 30 years and he is also an avid car collector and enthusiast.

More on Detailin' Day

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was given a very smooth, sippable Thank You gift from the Umemotos which in my opinion, matched the day we had! It was smooth sailing all day due to the hard work of all our volunteers. If I missed thanking someone by name, please forgive me. You are all greatly appreciated. I hope everyone who came had a good time, made new friends, and is able to keep their Miatas clean all summer long!



For more information, go to www.forevermx5.com.

Image from www.forevermx5.com.

Just a note to remind you that Randy Umemoto is no longer our Database Coordinator/Souther Distributor. Should you have any questions or comments about your Souther and/or membership, please direct them to Sean McGriff at membership@pugetsoundmiataclub.org

It finally happened--new editor takes over!

By Charlotte Fellers

The last day Cindy Smith had to worry about the publication of the Sounder, she and husband Tom became a metaphor for her editorial role. They pulled out of my driveway at the end of a 90-degree day, cooled off and fed a fabulous dinner at my house (well, that might be open for discussion) and literally drove into the sunset of a beautiful, and I am sure, carefree evening.

That's it for Cindy's duties as a careful, and what should be award-winning, tenure as editor of the Sounder. She gave this publication three years of her life, and made the handover as painless as possible for me. She patiently sat by my side all afternoon and watched as I re-learned how to maneuver around Pagemaker, which I haven't used to any extent in 13 years. She gave me all her trade secrets and showed me some great tricks to save time. Somehow, we managed to get this edition finished. She's very happy now. I'm very worried now, that I didn't do something quite right or that you won't be able to download the final product.

This could be a bit of a bumpy ride for a few months, so please don't be too hard on me. You might find this job open wayyyy sooner than you thought possible!

So, on to the important stuff. If you have an "event aftermath" you'd like to publish in the Sounder, it MUST be in my hands by the 15th of each month. After that, it may or may not get in until the next month. Pictures are always welcome. You can take them on your digital camera, or get a cd when you develop them from film, and then email them to me at editorcharlotte@gmail.com. You need to let me know who's in the photo, when/where it was taken, and who took the picture (first AND last name, please). Again, the absolute deadline is the 15th of each month. You'd be surprised how much time and effort goes into reformatting the photos for publication. I'll use discretion when editing your articles and just fix the pesky grammar errors (like subject-verb agreement and misplaced commas) so the tone of your article actually reflects your own personality.

You'll see me in coming months in my old, old, 1990 Miata, white with a black soft top (down). The paint job is faded and even when it's been buffed, it doesn't really shine that much. But it has new tires, a new battery and a great cd player that takes up most of the roomy trunk. I was thinking about the age of my old car and what was happening when it was born.

For instance, I found that the television series "Law and Order" debuted on NBC in 1990. Does anybody still have a 3.5" drive in the computer hardware? Well, back in 1990, they were the "up and coming" new thing, holding 128 Mbytes of memory! The St. Louis Rams beat the Tennessee Titans in the Super Bowl; Bonnie Blair won several gold medals at the Winter Olympics in Albertville, France, for speed skating, and Kristi Yamaguchi captured a gold in Women's Figure Skating. In the Barcelona Olympics that summer, Oscar de la Hoya was the

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Lightweight boxing gold medalist, Jackie Joyner-Kersey earned a gold in the Heptathlon.

Also in 1990: The minimum wage was raised to \$3.80 per hour; it cost just 25 cents to mail a letter; Jesse Owens received a posthumous Medal of Honor from President Bush #1 for his humanitarian work and for winning four gold medals in the 1936 Olympics; and here's the biggie: a gallon-barrel of crude oil was \$28.44 at the end of 1990, making gasoline prices \$1.37 per gallon at the end of the year!

Reference: Gale Virtual Reference Library from the King County Library System's excellent list of online databases.

I hope those of you who always have contributed to the success of the Sounder will continue to do so. I look forward to working with each of you!



Nothing like some sharp, detailed Miatas all lined up in a row to make the Detailin' Day perfect! Photo by Mindy Bohnas

Membership Directory Update



By Sean McGriff,

PSMC Membership Coordinator

It is that time of year again to get the last minute membership updates so we can publish the membership directory. The update process is pretty simple. If you have moved, changed your phone number, email address, car, etc., just contact me at membership@pugetsoundmiataclub.org (or call 425.430.0255) with the updated information and the update will be done. Also, if you have decided to not have your information in the directory or just perhaps just part of it, I can do that too.

Please give me your updates by June 1st to give plenty of time to make changes and edit. Thank you!

President's Message

By Bonnie Lohkamp
PSMC President



As I write this message, I am wondering what that great ball of fire is in the sky. It appears to be the sun, which certainly has not made many appearances this spring. It is a gorgeous day today and the forecast is saying that we will have record temperatures for the next few days. Sounds like a great opportunity to get out and get the tops down. Bring on the sun!

Last month was quite a nice month for Larry and me. We went on vacation for a little over a week to visit Arkansas. We stayed at the home of John and Linda Mann who are still members here. However, they moved to Arkansas a few months ago. They have been telling us how wonderful it is back there (no, folks, they do not have as many tornadoes most years like they have had this year) and also how beautiful it is.

Larry and I are getting ready to retire completely this year and hopefully make a move sometime late in the year to our new home. We had been considering Florida for many years but after going to Arkansas our plans have changed. It is truly a beautiful state. I could not believe how green it is with so many trees and hills and mountains. Linda was able to take some time off while we were there so we all got into their van and headed to a new adventure each day.

One day we drove into Little Rock (the "big town" in the state, pop. 185,000) and went to an area of downtown along the Arkansas river that made you think you were in Pioneer Square or Pike Place Market—old buildings which have been restored that are now art galleries and restaurants and an outdoor market with farmers selling their strawberries and produce, and lots of craft vendors. Then there is covered area with lots of restaurants and also a streetcar that tours the area.

Along the river, they have developed parks with walking areas and tables. We also traveled up to the far northern part of the state and were about 10 miles from the Missouri border when we decided it was time to get back home another day. We did go through one town up north where one of the tornadoes came through in January. It was a sobering moment to see some of the damage and see the actual path where it had gone on through the woods. Temperatures were in the 70's and 80's the whole time we were there. Now we are getting our home ready to put on the market in late June. If it sells soon we will be on our way to Arkansas.....and yes there are two Miata clubs in Arkansas.

We have lots of events coming up in June. The calendar is quite full with plenty of drives and parades. Please check out the calendar and use the RSVP link.

I would like everyone to welcome Charlotte Fellers as the new Sounder editor. Talk about someone with a full plate. She is a college teacher and also does some on line teaching work. In addition, she is a Director at Large for the club, and maintains a beautiful house in Auburn. Oh yeah, by the way we even drag her to participate in an occasional parade with the parade group in the club, and boy does she know how to decorate. Please give Charlotte a hand by sending her your news at editorcharlotte@gmail.com

While we are at it, let's not forget our retiring Sounder editor, Cindy Smith. What a woman, I just call her "Wonder Woman". Just in the last year she has been the Sounder editor, CEO (yes I actually had the nerve to ask her to do that one even with everything else she was already doing), and also hosted many spectacular drives featuring the wonderful booklets that she has made

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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
222 Wells Ave N
Renton, WA 98055

2008 Calendar

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

June 2008

- 7 Sunset Auto Tour, hosted by Ohlsen (see pg 4)
- 14 PSMC Elections, hosted by PSMC Board
- 15 Mt. St. Helen Run, hosted by McGranaghan (see pg 4)
- 21 Marysville Strawberry Festival Parade (Tentative)
- 28 Port Orchard Parade



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.

July 2008

- 4 Kingston Fourth of July Parade
- 4-6 Northwest Historics, coordinated by Springer (see pg3)
- 12 Mercer Island Parade
- 13 Hurricane Ridge, hosted by Bell
- 19 Lakefair Parade and BBQ, hosted by Allen
- 20 Chinatown Parade
- 26 Silverdale Parade
- 26 Torchlight Parade

August 2008

- 9 Run to Mt. Baker, hosted by Bell and Sea-to-Sky Miata Club (Vancouver, BC)
- 16 Whidbey Island Run, hosted by Kus, Shriver & Lohkmap
- 23 PSMC Gathering @ Coop's, hosted by PSMC
- 30 LeMay Open House
- 31 South Bend Labor Day Parade and Run (see pg 64)

September 2008

- 6 Mukilteo Parade
- 13 Progressive Dinner, hosted by Fellers, McSherry & Ohlsen
- 27 Leavenworth Autumn Leaf Parade
- 28 North Cascades Hwy Tour, hosted by Lohkamp

October 2008

- 2-5 Backroads to Bavaria, hosted by Club Miata Northwest (see pg 7)
- 3 First Friday Formal, hosted by Lazur
- 4-5 Olypmic Peninsula Tour, hosted by Millar and McGranaghan (see pg 5)
- 11 Corn Maze Run, hosted by Fellers & Smith
- 31 Bremerton Safe Trick or Treat, hosted by Bohnas

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University Mazda of Seattle (206) 634-1191

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

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for each of them. She has been my mentor and no matter what time of day or night I would give her a call she was always there to help. A BIG THANKS TO YOU CINDY!

This will be my last article as President of the club as the elections are June 14th and the new President will have the pleasure of writing the article for the July Sounder. I do not know where time has gone, as it does not seem like it has been almost a year already. I will still be around as the CEO for one more year so do not think you get rid of me that easily. I want to make a special point to thank all that have served on the board this year and the hard work everyone has done. I also want to thank those of you who are not on the board but are always there when I call and say "hey, can you help out with such and such" and you always say "yes." Folks like all of you and the actual board members are what makes this the great club it is and always will be. THANKS TO ALL! IT HAS BEEN A GREAT YEAR!

"Live for sunny days and warm nights"