

Miata Sounder



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

Anniversary celebration plans set

*by Charlotte Fellers
Sounder Editor*

Most members of the Puget Sound Miata Club can hardly believe this organization (and the car) have been around a mere 20 years. Looking back over the past *Sounder* issues and talking with members, the hundreds of fun events and “car talk” can attest to the durability of the Miata and the club.

So now, as we celebrate 20 years, the PSMC will close out the anniversary year by having a 20th Anniversary Party! Make a note of the date—January 23, 2010—and plan to attend. We will have a lot of special events to go with this special celebration.

The planning committee has made some decisions regarding the program and other details that we can announce now. The Ballinger Lake Golf Course clubhouse’s banquet room will be our venue again this year. This venue was a great choice for our 2008 Holiday Party and we have been fortunate to be able to book this venue again.

We have an opportunity to offer a professional artist who will draw caricatures, a one-time opportunity to obtain your own persona souvenir of the 20th Anniversary. These will cost \$20 per car but in order to offer this special event, we need to have at least 17 pre-registered people willing to sign up for this special event. The caricature will include up to two people and one car in black and white. This is a savings of \$20 per car over what you would have paid at any other special event for this caricature artist.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. with no-host beer and wine and an opportunity to view a slide show of photos we are now collecting from past events. Beer and wine tickets will sell for \$3 each or 2 tickets for \$5. Soft drinks will be provided free of charge. If you have photos of past events to contribute, please forward them to Bill Aycock at totrod@mac.com so he can include them in the slide show.

Dinner will be catered by the Pro Start Culinary Arts and Catering program at Tahoma High School. The menu will feature a beef and chicken entrée with vegetables, rolls, salad, dessert, coffee and tea.

The dinner program will include recognition of all of the PSMC past presidents we can find and invite, as well as Sounder editors for all 20 years. There will be additional, surprise aspects to the evening’s entertainment. We’ll close out the dinner program with the door prize giveaway (you can buy extra door prize tickets for the incredibly low price of \$1 or 6 for \$5).

We’ll close out the evening with karaoke and dancing. If you would like to bring music CD’s for the dance portion of the evening, you should bring those along.

Upcoming Events

October 3-4

Olympic Peninsula Tour, hosted by Millars, see p. 3 for details.

October 5

Our 2009-2010 membership directory should be in your hands by this date!

October 10

Corn Maze Tour, hosted by Fellers, see page 3 for details.

October 31

Bremerton Safe Trick or Treat, 5-8 p.m. followed by a drive to the Springers, RSVP on the website.

October 31

Halloween Party at Springers, RSVP on website.

November 7

Fall Planning Meeting, Board members and guests, Mitzel’s in Fife. Help us build the 2010 Calendar of events! Lunch at 11 a.m., meeting starts at noon.



Bill Cooper, left, and Karen Perry, right, purchased this caricature that, you must admit, looks a bit like both of them. This artist will be on hand for the 20th Anniversary Party and will draw you for a mere \$20 per car.

Artwork courtesy of Karen Perry

upcoming events

Popular drive to Olympic Peninsula Oct. 3-4

Hosts: Tom & Cindy Millar

Date: October 3 & 4, 2009

Contact: 206-390-3469

by Tom Millar

If you missed the 2008 version of the Olympic Peninsula Tour, you won't want to take a chance on registering late this year. The tour, hosted by Tom and Cindy Millar, proved to be one of the few overnight excursions held in 2008 and was a great time for all who went.

This tour will fill up soon so if you plan to go, sign up now. Rooms at the hotel on Pacific Beach are limited. Because it's late fall, the drive is likely to include some beautiful fall colors to enjoy and with any luck, a lack of the downpour endured a year ago.

Beginning at 7 Cedar's Casino in Sequim with lunch on or before 11:30 a.m., departure points also are scheduled for 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 the host.

The tour will proceed around the beautiful Lake Crescent and on to Forks, even more popular with the release of the movie about the area, *Twilight*. Driving along the Pacific coast, traveling through Kalalock and Quinault, 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 hotel and conference center is a full service recreational facility featuring several motel-like rooms and "Presidential Suites", with pricing ranging from \$50 - \$87 per night. Tour participants will need to make their own reservations by calling 1-888-463-6697, referencing Tom Millar, LCDR (ret.), USCGR and the Puget Sound Miata Club. 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.navylifepnw.com/site/68/Pacific-Beach.aspx>. We'll continue our evening in a party room onsite following dinner.

Following breakfast the next day, the tour will continue along the coast for awhile and then inland where we will visit another winery, Westport Winery, and enjoy some twisty roads on our way back home. Some in the group may stop off for lunch for a last hurrah of the weekend.

Corn Maze Tour II set for Oct. 10

Host: Charlotte Fellers

Date: October 10, 1 p.m.

Contact: 253.333.7442

Here's a chance to have some fun in your Miata (possibly with the top down!) and get a jump start on your fall pumpkin carving.

The 2009 version of the Corn Maze Tour will feature a new route, a new corn maze venue, and an additional surprise element that you will learn about when you get your driving directions. And prizes for the winners!

This year's tour leaves from the parking lot across the street from The Old Cannery Furniture Warehouse in Sumner. The address is 13608 A Valley Ave. E., Sumner, 98390 (directions are at the end of this article). This is a furniture store that also has restrooms, a small snack bar, and homemade fudge. A drive-thru coffee stand shares their parking lot where you can get a sandwich and soup for a light lunch. Either way, you can get fully fortified before starting the drive.

We'll meet for a driver's meeting at 1:00 and be on the road by 1:15. The drive from here will culminate in a social at the host's home in Auburn. The total drive will take around 90 minutes and will give you a glimpse of the beautiful small farming areas in North Pierce and South King Counties.

This year, we will be stopping at the Thomasson Farms corn maze. The maze this year will be based on a *Wizard of Oz*

theme with a *Yellow Brick Road* to guide you to a series of numbered posts with questions to answer at each post. The minimum time to complete the maze is about 30 minutes. For the maze-challenged, it could take more than an hour. This maze is hand cut and sounds like it will be a fun maze to complete.

Thomasson Farms also has pumpkins for sale and free hayrides around their 40-acre dairy farm. You can buy fresh fall harvest foods at their small fresh food stand and they also have concessions available.

The second weekend in October is the perfect time to take a fall tour of the farming communities in North Pierce and South King Counties. Colors are changing and the maze should be in great shape this early in the month. Cost for the corn maze is \$6 per person.

With help from some other members, the social will feature a light dinner of beef stew, salad, fresh homemade biscuits and corn muffins, and dessert. Please contact the host with a phone call or RSVP on the website.

Driving directions to The Cannery: From Seattle: Go south on I-5 freeway, toward Tacoma. Take Fife exit 137 (Fife, Milton). Exit brings you to 54th Avenue East. Turn left and go over the freeway. Go through stoplight at 20th Street East. Road will make a sharp turn to the left and becomes Valley Avenue. From this curve go approximately six miles (stay

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Mt. Baker Tour attracts 50+ people!

by Charlotte Fellers

A beautiful "early fall" day greeted around 10 Miatas that met up at Safeway in Arlington on August 15 for a combined drive with our neighbors to the north, the Sea to Sky Miata Club of Vancouver.

We were joined by 3 other cars along the way and took beautiful Chuckanut Drive through a 10-mile range of small family farms and views of mountain vistas. Still more cars met us in Burlington where we caravanned to the tiny town of Glacier. There, we met up with another 15 cars from Sea to Sky and all 32 of us made the trip to the apex of Mt. Baker.

Weather did not cooperate enough for us to see many of the stunning views from atop Mt. Baker, but we had a great time communing with our new-found friends from Canada. A group photo that included around 50 people (a bit like herding cats to get everyone lined up) was assembled in front of Paul Jaeger's portable *Miatas Only Parking* sign. When all the Miatas made it to the parking lot, there was little room for much of anyone else along that section. It was a stunning array of color and a fine exhibit of the Miata sports car.

The brisk air made for a shorter stop than expected at the top as no one was game for putting the tops up. Besides, it was nearing lunch time, so everyone headed for Milano's Restaurant in Glacier. They were expecting about 30 people, but they gladly served the 50+ who showed up for lunch from our two clubs. This leisurely lunch gave all a chance to discuss our cars and tours that we could take in the future as a large group. Additionally, club members got the opportunity to purchase and exchange logo wear.

All in all, it turned out to be a successful and interesting day of driving with the added bonus of renewing friendships that started a number of years ago. This is a drive that both clubs vowed to continue with next year.



Brian Petrie, left, and Tom Millar, right, bask in the appreciative words from more than 50 people who drove to the top of Mt. Baker in August. Brian is from the Vancouver, Canada Sea to Sky Miata Club. The Mt. Baker tour is the once-a-year combined event for both clubs, but all agreed that more combined events should be scheduled in the future.

Photo by Charlotte Fellers



If you look closely, you can see the "Miata Parking Only" sign in the center of this photo. Although it was a bit like herding cats, somehow everyone was able to line up for this group photo atop Mt. Baker.

Photo courtesy of Tom Millar

Blue highways flash back to the ‘Summer of Love’

(The Long Beach ‘60s Beach Party)

by Dee Dahlke and Duncan Johnson
‘99 Silver, “Road Dancer”

Small turnout for the first day of this weekend event, just Mike & Lilly, Maury & Sandy, and your reporters for the scenic run to Long Beach, but that’s okay. A small tour works better than a big one any day and it was a nice squadron of 2nd-generation Miatas. Like good sports car drivers of the 1960s, we used the freeway simply to get out of Dodge, exiting I-5 at Napavine onto the more enthusiastic two-lane blacktop. This tour took us down old highways 603 and 411 past a herd of elk outside Winlock to a delightful lunch stop at Riverside Park, just north of Longview. Alas, after the picnic we spotted a nail in Maury-n-Sandy’s tire; not good with the next leg of the tour going into remote country. Dee remembered where there was a Les Schwab tire store shortly ahead, so they were able to make a pit stop. (The tire was wounded in the sidewall, a replacement was procured and they beat the main tour to Long Beach.)

We crossed the river at Longview, went west into Oregon on Highway 30 to Clatskanie, then south through the hills to Mist on Highway 47, later turning west on Highway 202 toward Astoria. Check your map now and highlight this route for your collection of “private roads” that we don’t tell RV drivers about. We’d done this course before in OTMs (Other-Than-Miatas.)— all of them fast and highly suited to sports motoring, but we now go on record that the Miata is the ideal car for the route. It isn’t just our fantastic handling, surprisingly; it’s that the Miata makes relatively little power. The Miata driver has to shift her gears a lot and keep the RPMs well up in the power band, and select the proper “line,” and actually drive the car all the time, but when you do that the little machine just sings, and the experience is such fun it probably will be declared illegal. Well, it sort of is already, but we chose to “road dance like nobody is watching.”

All the way we were enjoying the “bright blue weather” of late summer, tops down on a warm afternoon with the first colored leaves appearing, barn cats prowling fence rows, farmers on tractors cleaning up their fields, small town citizens mowing lawns, all right off some old Saturday Evening Post cover. At Jewell we paused at the elk preserve to look around, but the big critters were all hiding. Hunting season is upon us. Then everything stopped for 20 minutes at a construction project where trees were being felled to improve a junky section of the road. Nearing Astoria we planned a latte stop, but fled the first store in a multi-car reverse autocross when a Cadillac beater came barging into the lot (literally a barge,) not seeing us or anybody, and only multiple fast reactions saved us from being squashed like bugs.

We subsequently found better coffee at a tiny espresso cart almost under the big bridge, and we later crossed the river and motored to The Breakers Resort at Long Beach, where the rest of the crowd was assembling (eventually to include Coop & Karen, Charlotte, Mindy, President Tom & Cindy, Allan & Cheryl.) A social hour broke out, and dinner was at

The Castaways, where the seafood was augmented by a Prime Rib special and 50-pound bread pudding for dessert. “Food hangover” here we come.

After an intense overnight rain squall the clouds parted and Saturday morning was the poker rally. How difficult can this be? We are on a skinny peninsula with only a limited number of roads. Oops, do not discount the creativity of the organizers. For one thing the mileages indicated to the turns were approximate, and in a couple of cases, very approximate. To find the checkpoints where you’d get cards, you had to divine their location from creative (warped) little poems, like this:

“After some fun roads, not too lame

Stop for coffee where town and shop are one and the same,

Hopefully they don’t serve salmon flavored latte as the name may say,

But go inside and pick up a card along your way.”

Oh yeah, the poems were not in the order the checkpoints appeared. But it was a bright, sunny morning, the roads were excellent, and it’s all for fun. Peninsula? The route took us all the way to Naselle and back. Birds and wildlife abounded for our viewing pleasure whilst sports motoring. The afternoon was unscheduled so we had lunch at the historic Shelburne Inn, then explored the northern peninsula. Others went multiple directions. Around 4:00 PM we all gathered at The Breakers’ gazebo where the bbq grills were defiantly stubborn about producing any heat from our charcoal, but eventually we all got our meats cooked and our potluck accessory courses consumed. We also provided a side show for the diverse group of Breakers condo owners who had gathered there for their own cookout, and they didn’t get any more heat out of their grills than we did.

The evening segued into the 1967 “Summer Of Love” flashback hootenanny, and perhaps some folks are still having flashbacks from what they consumed in those thrilling days of yesteryear. What’s happening, man? Going in let’s note that decade contained everything from John Foster Dulles to Haight-Ashbury, and as someone observed, “If you can remember the 1960s, you weren’t there.” Groovy. The rally was scored and our usual poker hand (one of a kind, deuce high) won us a CD of Dick Dale And His Del-Tones, “the king of the surf guitar,” in which he plays Hava Nagila. Right on, brother. Strange decade indeed. Fortunately the rest of the evening’s music was more inspired. Several famous celebrities from that past era made cameo appearances at the party to portray PSMC members. We saw these: Sonny and Cher (playing Allan & Cheryl,) Wolfman Jack and Aretha Franklin (Mike & Lilly,) Janis Joplin (Mindy in tie-dye,) Jackie Gleason and Audrey Meadows (Coop & Karen,) Arlo Guthrie and Joan Baez (Maury & Sandy,) Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward (Tom & Cindy,) Marlo Thomas (Charlotte, com-

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Familiar Faces

Why not try a new event this year!

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| Ron Haworth | Bellevue | 95 Black |
| Wayne & Sun | Kent | 94 Red |
| Sophia McSherry | Tacoma | 97 BRG |
| David/Vickie Olson | Renton | 02 Titanium |
| Deanne Denholme | Edmonds | 04 Red |
| Pat and Dick Foster | Sequim | 90 Mariner Blue |
| Marylyn Ward /Jay Johnston | Seattle | 06 Sunlight Silver |
| Dana Ruth Wilber | Mukilteo | 99 White |
| Rich/Trish Blake | Oak Harbor | 94 Black |
| Raymond/Elsje Houghton | Bothell | 97 Marina Green |
| Vicki/Judy Burr-Chellin | Seattle | 91 BRG |
| Laurie/Ron Doering | Battle Ground | 94 RED |
| Kim McKinnon/Bob Bundy | Anacortes | 90 White |
| Brad & Pam Gibbs | Sammamish | 06 Copper Red |
| Don Bojarski/Bill Aycok | Vashon | 00 Mahogany Mica |
| Tim Foutz | Buckley | 08 Winning Blue |
| Terry/Mike Shannon | Moses Lk. | 92 Sunflower |
| Ric Seymour | Gig Harbor | 97 Red |
| Michael/Lillian Springer | Tacoma | Black |
| Judy Ford | Hansville | 92 Red |
| Dick/Myrna Selzer | Renton | 97 Black |
| Joseph Roy Childers | Tumwater | 91 Silver |
| Patty/Chris Johnson | Federal Way | 92 Red |
| Denise Williamson | Marysville | 93 Red |
| Mike Crimmins | Kenmore | 03 Strato Blue |
| Warren/Joan Crowe | East Wenatchee | 90 Red |
| Karen Michaud | Puyallup | 02 Silver |
| Alan Dahl | Federal Way | 90 Mariner Blue |
| Mindy/Rory Bohnas | Port Orchard | 97 Twilight Blue |
| Gene/Ellie Wilson | Lakewood | 05 Silver |
| Dee Dahlke | Puyallup | 99 Silver |
| Richard/Barbara Gates | Federal Way | 96 Red |

New Faces

We hope to see you at an event soon!

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| Jan & Katy Bruusgaard | Gig Harbor | 91 BRG |
| Raymond & Debra Roeder | Everett | |
| Clifford McGuire | Everett | 91 White |
| Christine Bilyeu | Tacoma | 06 Red |
| Michael Standley | Bremerton | 99 Silver |
| Billy Stansfield | Bellevue | 99 Emerald |
| Rob Matchett | Normandy | 09 Copper Red Mica |
| Daniel Carey | Seattle | 99 Sapphire |



An annual entry in the South Bend Parade is "High Maintenance Princess" AKA Hurricane Katie Ogren, posed here with her driver, Mindy Bohnas. Note that deadly "sword" Mindy used to complete her girl-pirate outfit!

Photo by Marti Mott

aftermath

'Summer of Love' revisited

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plete with 1962 poodle skirt,) plus Ozzie and Harriet (Duncan & Dee.) The singalong really got going when the lyrics of Country Joe's "1-2-3 What Are We Fighting For" deteriorated into Afghanistan from the original Viet Nam. The times, they are a-changing. Be sure to wear some flowers in your hair.

Sunday most of the survivors headed out to breakfast although some felt the need to atone in a local church. Even the drive home from the meet was "just right," as the traffic was light, the scenery was inspirational, and a latte stop near Raymond hit-the-spot to recharge us. Technically this may have been the last meet of Miata Summer 2009 /1967, but more club events continue on the calendar. Zoom-zoom!

Photos by Mindy Bohnas



Above, the '60's Beach Party centered on the music of 1967. Duncan Johnson was in the Coast Guard that year and taped the music from that year on a cassette player for replay when he was on the high seas. He is a trivia treasure trove when it comes to hits from 1967!

Left, at the dance party, pictured, back row, Cheryl Ohlsen, Allan Ohlsen, Cindy Millar, Tom Millar, Duncan Johnson; middle row: Charlotte Fellers, Lilly Springer, Dee Dahlke; kneeling: Mike Springer.

Bottom photo: The Beach Party included a great idea--make dinner at the barbecue area at the Breakers. The charcoal brickettes did not get very hot but eventually everyone's food got done to perfection!



Garage Queen for Sale:

2001 BRG MX-5 LS, 78K, tan top & interior, 6-sp. Manual; ABS.

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Fall Autocross roundup tells the story

by Denise Williamson

Glen Drives a "New" Car in PRO1

Enduro XXX (a WWSCC event) was hosted by the Boeing Employees Autosports Club in Shelton on August 8. Out of 42 entrants, two were PSMC members. Unlike a typical autocross where you drive the course once and then wait your turn to drive it again, at Enduro you get to drive all of your runs at once. It's kind of like your own little road race track.

After the practice lap, drivers got to take four more laps. *Glen Hernandez* drove a '90 Miata to a fourth place finish in PRO1, with an STS-indexed (and dirty) time of 46.321. *Dieter Beldi* won Stock D driving an '09 "Bailout Black" Chevy Cobalt on his first (and only clean) run with a 56.773.

Tom Trophies in Sports C

The day after Enduro was BSCC's Event #6, held in Bremerton for 130 entrants. *Tom Slipp* won a second place trophy in Sports C in his '91 Miata on his last run with a 55.274. *Dieter Beldi* won Medium Sedan in an '09 Chevy Cobalt on his last run with a 52.058.

Dieter Wins Stock 3

SCCA #7 was held on August 16 in Packwood. Out of 131 entrants, seven were PSMC drivers. In Stock 2, *Rich Blake* placed sixth in his '94 Miata R with an ES-indexed time of 43.446. *Dieter Beldi* won Stock 3 in an '09 Chevy Cobalt with a DS-indexed time of 42.810. In Non-Stock 1, *Tim Irwin* placed third in an '01 Porsche Boxster S with a BSP-indexed time of 45.018. *Ricky Carlson* finally made another appearance in Street Mod 2 to take second place in his '90 Miata with a time of 55.586.

In Open PAX, *Alan Dahl* placed 10th in his '07 Pontiac Solstice with an AS-indexed time of 42.953; *Glen Hernandez* placed 12th in an '89 Honda Civic with an ST-indexed time of 43.042. *Bob Bundy* finally got to drive his '90 Miata, and had fun in the AM and PM Time Only classes with times of 49.873 and 49.831 respectively. *Dieter Beldi* joined in the fun in Time Only PM in his '07 Mazdaspeed 3 with a time of 52.363. Kudos for this event go to *Bob Bundy*, who had the eighth top unindexed time of the day.

Alan and Glen Trophy at Nationals

Two PSMC drivers went to this year's SCCA National Championships in Lincoln, Nebraska, and both brought home trophies! As always, it was an exciting week full of competition. Drama abounded in many forms, including the weather. Glen, who ran Tuesday/Wednesday, had a full

schedule that included involvement with the Evolution School "talks & walks" and catching up with his uncle (who ran in Super Stock).

The first day of E Stock competition ended with Glen in the 12th (and last) trophy spot out of 42 drivers. Day 2 came and so did the rain. This posed a bit of a problem since Glen didn't bring rain tires. However, conditions improved just enough for Glen to lay down the fastest run of the day in E Stock. This, plus his Day 1 time, was good enough for second place. He was .192 away from being the E Stock National Champion!

Alan, who ran Thursday/Friday, drove his '07 Pontiac Solstice in A Stock against 57 drivers. After Day 1, he was in second place. On Day 2, one driver sneaked by Alan, which bumped him to third place by .421. Alan was 1.253 away from being the A Stock National Champion! The moral of this story? If you want to learn how to go faster, talk to Alan or Glen.

Directions to Corn Maze II

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on Valley Avenue). The Cannery is on the right side just before the copper bridge. Please use the overflow parking lot on the left.

From the South: Take I-5 North toward Seattle. Take Fife exit #137, to 54th Ave South. Go straight through light (cross street is 20th St. East). Road makes a sharp turn to left and turns into Valley Ave.

Stay on Valley Avenue for approximately 6 miles. The Cannery is on the right side of the road just before the copper bridge. Please use the overflow parking lot on the left.

From Hwy 167, north or south: Take 167 North or South, exit to Hwy 410 toward Sumner/Yakima. Take the first Sumner exit (East Main Exit) toward Traffic Avenue. Turn left onto E. Main Ave. which becomes Traffic Ave. Turn left onto Pacific Ave. and watch for the Cannery on the left. Please use the parking lot on the right.



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President's Message



By Tom Millar
PSMC President

As I write this message, September is in mid-stream and we are gaining toward October. Where in the heck did August go? At any rate, we continue to have a great Miata "season", dropping our tops and hitting the black tops. I write this message on the eve of embarking on a trip which will take me, in one week, from Seattle to Portland to Phoenix to Coeur d'Alene and then home again. This will be followed by a fun-filled Miata weekend adventure to Long Beach, WA to take in Mike & Lilly Springer's 60's experience, an event Cindy and I are really looking forward to. Having grown up in the Bay Area during the 60's, I remember the saying that followed, "If you remember the 60's you probably weren't there". I am certain Mike's experience will be a bit tamer than that!

During October we have an overnigher planned with our Olympic Peninsula Tour, a personal favorite since we host the ride. Charlotte, our Sounder Editor, is also hosting a corn maze ride that will be followed by her world-famous cuisine at her home. For our Halloween fun, Mike and Lilly Springer are once again stepping up to the plate with offerings of ghoulish activities, culminating in a fun party at their home in Tacoma.

This past month we experienced difficulties with our PSMC web site. While we like to think we don't have software problems, we definitely experienced our share in this case. After having been down for a couple of weeks, our skilled web folks got us back on line and were able to retain the vital information, like RSVP's, etc. I want to offer a big thanks to those folks who got us back on line with a minimum of delay. Remember folks, these are volunteers and they do a magnificent job!

During July, I assumed responsibility for one of our day rides when one of our members was unable to perform the duties as he originally planned. As I carried out the duties of host on the ride, I feel the need to bring a couple of items to attention in regards to ride etiquette:

- If you plan on meeting up with the ride group at a different location than what is planned then please let your host know. It is perfectly all right to meet up with the group at a more convenient location to you, just let your ride host(s) know via phone or e-mail so that they do not scramble to try and call you to figure out why you are not there at the starting point.
- If circumstances change and you cannot make a ride that you have signed up for on the web, please go back into the calendar and cancel your RSVP. No harm, no foul. Here again, this saves the host anxiety in wondering where you are.

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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
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2009 Calendar

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

October 2009

- 3-4 Olympic Peninsula Tour, hosted by Tom/Cindy Millar, see page 4.
- 10 Corn Maze Tour, hosted by Fellers, see p. 4.
- 31 Halloween Party, hosted by Mike/Lilly Springer, Tacoma
- 31 Bremerton Safe Trick-or-Treat, 5-8 p.m. with drive to Springers at 8 p.m. hosted by Bohnas.

November 2009

- 7 Fall PSMC Board Meeting, Mitzel's in Fife, 11 a.m. lunch, meeting to follow.
- 22 Turkey Teaser, hosted by Sean/Pam McGriff.

December 2009

- 27 Post Holiday Open House, Tom/Lindanne Gores, Gig Harbor, details TBA.



For Sale: 1990 Red Miata, good condition. Has a dent in the right front panel. Stored under cover most of the time. New shocks last year; new soft top and tires. \$3000. Contact Nathan at 1-877-753-9123 or on the web at www.swan

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**“Unless someone like you
cares a whole awful lot,
nothing is going to get better.
It’s not.”**

--Dr. Seuss--

Needed immediately! Make new and fun friends! Learn more about the inner workings of the PSMC! Volunteer positions are open for PSMC members: Data Coordinator, Insurance Coordinator, director-at-large. To volunteer for one of these jobs, contact President Tom Millar at 206-390-3469.

January 2010

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President's Message

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- Stay with the tour until the end, or let your ride host know you will be leaving early. Only depart the tour when the host says it is over, unless you let them know ahead of time.

These points are not made to restrict our fun, but are meant to provide a more enjoyable experience for all, including our dedicated ride hosts. Thanks for listening.

I want to take an early opportunity to highlight our upcoming November planning meeting. This important meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 7, 2009. It is also a time for each of you to come forward with your ideas for upcoming 2010 rides and events. Remember, it takes creative ideas for rides and we are always receptive to discovering new roads and ways to have fun, thereby continuing our Puget Sound Miata Club journey.

Have a great October!

Now, drop your tops and hit the black tops!

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