

# Miata Sounder



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

## Detailin' Day moved to May 1

One of the most popular events hosted by the Puget Sound Miata Club is coming up when Detailin' Day happens on May 1. This event will be hosted once again by Coop's Miata in Maple Valley, where an excellent setup is available for club members to wash, vacuum, buff and clean off the winter grime from the cars and make them ready for the summer top down season.

This is one of only a few events hosted by the PSMC Board each year. It offers you, a Miata owner, the chance to come by Coop's Miata and get your car detailed and ready for summer. Of course, you do have to do the work yourself, but we'll have volunteers available to buff your car for you. Once the volunteers' cars have been buffed, it's first come, first served in the buffing station. In the past, all supplies have been generously donated by Coop's Miata (in addition to hosting the event at the Cooper property). However, this year, Coop's is not providing supplies. Because of the cost of supplies,

### In Memory

## PSMC member Rick Wilson

The Puget Sound Miata Club learned in March of the death of one of our members, Rick Alton Wilson of Chehalis. Rick died in a car accident in Newport, Oregon, while on vacation on February 18. He was from Chehalis.

We also learned of serious injuries to his wife Sue, who was with him in the car at the time of the accident. She is recovering from her injuries at Emmanuel Hospital in Portland, OR but is expected to be released to go home soon. The board sent a card to Sue and the club has made a club donation to the charity of the family's choice, A.B.A.T.E.

The following obituary appeared online at [www.funeraldigest.com](http://www.funeraldigest.com):

Richard Alton Wilson was born February 26, 1958 in Portland, Oregon to Dona and Cecil Wilson. He attended Peninsula Grade School and graduated from Jefferson High School in Portland in 1976.

the Board will be charging people \$10 or \$20 to attend the event, depending on whether a new sponsor is located. The admission price also includes lunch. Pay at the gate on the day of the event.

This is one event that does require a volunteer effort to be successful. The biggest job is buffers. In the past, we've had a great turnout of "buffer" volunteers (yes, some of them are even "buff") but new buffers are always welcome. Contact Mike Springer at 253-572-3285 if you would like to join the brigade of buffers.

Other jobs include gate managers, set-up, clean-up (the day before and day of the event) and traffic directors. Contact President Tom Millar at [millar-thomas@aramark.com](mailto:millar-thomas@aramark.com) to volunteer to help out. Those who do volunteer to work will get their cars buffed first, so there is a significant advantage to being a volunteer.

Please RSVP at [www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org](http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org) so adequate supplies can be purchased and so we can get a head count for lunch.

He enlisted in the US Navy after graduation and continued to serve until he retired in 1995. His final assignment was as the Lewis County Naval Recruiter. In 1983 he was awarded the Sailor of the Year award while serving at the Federal Building in Portland, Oregon. He served on the USS Hector, the USS New Jersey and did a world cruise on his favorite battleship USS New Jersey, and also served on the USS Gompers. On September 24, 1976 he married Susan Wheeler. They recently celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary.

Rick spent the last 10 years as an employee of Trans Alta in Centralia.

Besides his wife Sue, Rick leaves behind 3 children: Sharity (Kyle) Knapp, Samantha Wilson and Chris (Lindsey) Wilson. Grandchildren: Mikey, Kaily, Annika, Ava and Jordan. His Mother, Dona Wilson of Portland. Brothers: Robert (Marge) Wilson of Gladstone, Oregon,

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## Upcoming Events

### April 2

First Friday Formal, Il Fornaio located in Downtown Seattle, 7 p.m., see p. 2.

### April 11

New Members' Appreciation Drive and luncheon, 11 a.m. Azteca in Redmond, see p. 3.

### April 24

La Connor Tulip Rallye, leaves from Burlington, hosted by MG Car Club, see p. 6

### May 1

Detailin' Day, hosted by PSMC board, featuring all you need to get your car ready for the summer!

### May 2

Corvettes de Olympia Open Poker Rallye. Go to [www.corvettesdeolympia.org](http://www.corvettesdeolympia.org) for details

### May 8

Miatacross, hosted by PSMC members, Anderson Field in Shelton. See p. 4.



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## Orientation drive for new members up next

**Hosts: Allan & Cheryl Ohlsen & Mindy Bohnas**

**When: April 11, 11:00 a.m.**

**Where: Azteca Restaurant, 3040 148th Ave. NE, Redmond, WA 98052**

If you have joined the Puget Sound Miata Club in the last year and would like to know what this club is all about, then you should try and attend the New Members' Appreciation Drive, coming up April 11. You'll get to learn how drives are planned and executed and you will get to meet other club members and enjoy a short drive on some fun backroads. With any luck, this will be a "top-down" drive with some sunshine thrown in for good measure.

Some of the goals of the PSMC are to see you get the most enjoyment from your Miata through club events and activities with like-minded people like yourself. Come join us at the Redmond Azteca for a social time and lunch, followed by a great drive on some scenic and fun twisty roads. Some of your PSMC Board Members will be on hand, looking forward to meeting you. During the social time, we'll explain, "how we

do it" and answer questions. We'll have club members on hand who are "experts" at autocross, parades, and putting on events to share their insights with you. We may have some Miata maintenance folks available to network with you and we'll cover some of the day-to-day operations of the club. With a little bit of luck, you could win a door prize too! This event is designed for the new member, but all are encouraged to join in. Come check it out. Meet some terrific people that enjoy the Miata experience as much as you do.

The plan is to start at 11 a.m. with lunch, social time and presentations. Lunch prices are quite reasonable. At around 12:30 we will gather in the parking lot for a "driver's meeting" before heading off for a one hour drive of fun roads, ending in a special destination to be announced during the driver's meeting. This event should be over by 3 p.m. Please RSVP below so we (and the restaurant) can plan for you.

**Driving Directions:** The Redmond 'Azteca' is located just off Hwy. 520, east of I-405. Take Hwy. 520 east from I-405, take the "148th Ave. NE" exit, go left (north) over the freeway, Azteca is on the right.

## Honor our fallen heroes Memorial Weekend

**When: Sunday, May 30**

**Where: Purdy Park n Ride**

**Contact: bobmartimott@aol.com**

**Hosts: Bob & Marti Mott**

*by Bob Mott*

Do you remember what Memorial Day is all about? When was the last time you paid tribute to the members of our military who died for our freedom? Well, if you would like to do that this year on Memorial Weekend, join Bob & Marti Mott for a ride to the Vaughn Cemetery on Sunday, May 30. The Key Peninsula Veterans Institute will host the "Aisle of Honor". In 2009 there were 278 casket flags flown throughout the cemetery. The flags are donated by the families of fallen heroes from as far back as the Civil War. The view of the flags and the ceremony is very impressive.

We will meet at the Purdy Park & Ride (see directions below) at 11:00 a.m. After a short driver's meeting you can either pack a picnic lunch (recommended) or get lunch at one of the local eateries. Due to the meeting time, drive, ceremony & drive back to the Mott's, it is recommended that everyone think about bringing a lunch/snack with them. Quick lunch options include a couple of coffee stands, a market with teriyaki take-out and a Burger

King along the way. A stop would have to be made by everyone in order to remain a group and to locate the cemetery. Following the ceremony we will take a scenic ride to the Mott's for chili and cornbread. We hope you decide to join us.

**DIRECTIONS:** From I-5 take SR 16 across the Tacoma Narrows Bridge. From the Bridge go 6.7 miles to SR 302 (Purdy/Key Center) off ramp. Continue thru 3 traffic signals (1.7 miles). Park & Ride is on the right.

From the west on SR 16 take SR 302 (Purdy/Key Center) off ramp. Go straight for 1 mile. Park & Ride is on left before you reach the first traffic signal.



*Flags fly high on the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend when the PSMC will take a drive to Key Peninsula for this ceremony. The Vaughn Cemetery commemoration will be followed by a meal at the Bob Motts' in Gig Harbor. (Photo courtesy of Bob Mott)*

# Miatacross needs volunteers in May

by Denise Williamson

It is time once again for PSMC to host Miatacross, part of the 2010 WWSCC Championship Autocross Series.

The event is currently the main fundraiser hosted by the PSMC, so having some PSMC members' involvement is only right. The club uses the profit from the Miatacross to pay insurance, purchase office supplies, postage, and software to publish the *Souder*, and provides funds to host PSMC events such as the Gathering and the recent 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party.

You won't need any experience to help out, so that means everyone can participate in one way or another. How can you help? I'm so glad you asked!

Miatacross 2010 will be held **Saturday** May 8, 2010 at Sanderson Field near Shelton. A map can be found at [www.wwscc.org](http://www.wwscc.org) (Event Calendar, click on "Sanderson Field"). The address is 21 West Sanderson Way, Shelton, WA 98584.

It's okay if you don't wish to autocross, but we'd sure like to see you! If you would like to autocross, we will have two classes just for PSMC members in the afternoon: "PSMC Stock" and "PSMC Modified". That means that you will be competing against PSMC members only. If you would like to run both morning and afternoon, you will need to register for "Time Only AM" and "Time Only PM".

The positions we need help with are listed below. Remember, these positions are easy, and no experience is required:

- **Course setup:** Friday May 7: 2-3 people. Duties: Friday (early evening), set up the course and mark crayon boxes around cones. Approximately two hours.
- **Waiver Patrol:** Many people needed throughout the day, beginning at 7:00 a.m.
- **Teardown:** 3-5 people. Duties: After the event, stack cones, reload equipment, etc. Approximately one hour. **It is PSMC's responsibility to clean up after the event.**



*Bob Bundy at the recent WWSCC Slush races in Shelton, where he took first place. You, too, can enjoy the excitement of autocrossing when Miatacross occurs May 8.*

*Photo by Denise Williamson*

If you are interested, please contact the Chief of Workers, Denise Williamson, at: [autocross1@pugetsoundmiataclub.org](mailto:autocross1@pugetsoundmiataclub.org)

Please let me know what you would like to help with (maybe more than one?), and if you'll be driving in the event (and which class). PSMC Club Classes will run only in the afternoon session. First come, first served, so if something looks interesting, email soon.

It is very important that the club pitch in at our event, so please email me with your desired work position. Help make our event a success!

## Familiar Faces

**Hope to see you at an event soon!**

<i>Al Pitts, Enumclaw,</i>	<i>'99 Emerald Green</i>
<i>Keith &amp; Gayle Newsom, Olympia</i>	<i>'93 White</i>
<i>Paul Jaeger, Mukilteo</i>	<i>'01 BRG</i>
<i>Bob Pitre, Anacortes</i>	<i>'94 Black</i>
<i>Steve &amp; Linda Birman, Ferndale</i>	<i>'08 Copper Red</i>
<i>Mikel &amp; Nancy Hancock, Renton</i>	<i>'96 Montego Blue</i>
<i>Murray &amp; Catherine Williams, Covington</i>	<i>'93 Red</i>
<i>Bob &amp; Sally Thomas, Shelton</i>	<i>'99 Sapphire</i>

## Rick Wilson

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Gary (Judy) Wilson of Albany, Oregon. He was predeceased by his father Cecil.

Rick was supportive of his community in many ways. He was an active member of Lewis County A.B.A.T.E. (especially the Toy Drive), The Puget Sound and Willamette Miata Club, The Fleet Reserve Association and TransAlta TACT.

Rick was a free spirit who lived and loved life to the fullest. He was a wonderful husband, father and Papa. Family was the most important thing to Rick. He would drop everything to support his family or friends in a time of need. Rick loved to travel, especially on his Harleys, Bobbi-Sue (The Dyna) or Olivia (The Electra Glide Classic), or in the Miata.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to one of Rick's favorite causes. Friends of Lewis County Animal Shelter, PO Box 1421, Chehalis WA 98532 or Lewis County A.B.A.T.E. toy drive. PO Box 1108, Centralia WA 98531

A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date. Please sign the guest book at [www.legacy.com/chronline](http://www.legacy.com/chronline)

Send cards or other remembrances to: Sue Wilson, 118 Jackson View Dr., Chehalis, Wa. 98532.

## upcoming/around the town

# Scenery and views featured on Whidbey Island Tour

When: July 10

Where: Clinton Park and Ride on Whidbey Island

Hosted by: Shriver/Kus and Millars

Contact: [banditwa@msn.com](mailto:banditwa@msn.com), 360-678-1273,

by *Frank Shriver*

Explore the grandeur of Whidbey Island as you join Frank Shriver, Carol Kus and Tom & Cindy Millar on Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, for this great island ride! Our journey will begin at the Park & Ride located in Clinton, as most people will be arriving on the Mukilteo-Clinton ferry. Plan to fuel your Miata prior to boarding the ferry because gas prices on Whidbey are running 20-30 cents per gallon higher than on the mainland. The ferries run every half hour and the crossing takes about 15

minutes. Please plan on arriving in Mukilteo a few minutes after 9:00 a.m. to catch the 9:30 boat. We will have a driver's meeting at 10:00 and will leave the park and ride at 10:15.

Whidbey Island is 62 miles long and just over 1.5 miles wide at Greenbank in Central Whidbey.

We will be traveling on roads lesser driven on our trek to North Whidbey. You will have the opportunity to see the impressive beauty of the north end of Puget Sound, Admiralty Inlet, Saratoga Passage, Useless Bay, Holmes Harbor, Penn Cove (Home of the Penn Cove mussel farm) as well as narrow tree-lined roads.

Enjoying sights of wildlife will also be a part of the drive. There are in excess of 70 nesting pair of bald eagles living on hidbey and our chances are good to see this magnificent bird in its natural habitat. Spotting deer grazing should be

c o m m o n throughout the day. Hawks are very common and are often seen all over the island. The island is also home to coyotes.

The tentative plans are to stop at Fort Casey State Park to observe the WWI and WWII gun emplacements which protected Washington from enemy ships and submarines. Our travels will also



*This photo of the entry point to Whidbey Air Station from last year's drive is just one sighting of mounted aircraft on the Island. This drive will present a great chance to enjoy some top down summertime driving.*

*Photo by Mindy Bohnas*

take us past/through Clinton, Langley, Freeland, and past Whidbey Island Naval Air Station in Oak Harbor. Near the end of our journey we will enjoy the spectacular Deception Pass, which if you haven't seen it before, is very dramatic and inspiring.

Upon the completion of the tour we will meet at Frank and Carol's home, located two miles north of Greenbank, to enjoy burgers and hot dogs as well as to enjoy the sunset and view of Admiralty Inlet.

Please RSVP on the club's website.

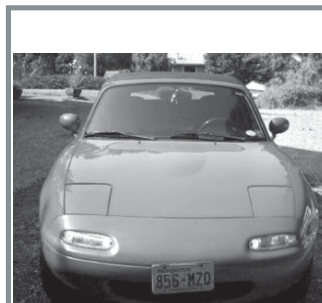
*(Editor's Note: When we went on this tour last year, we were wishing we had packed some hearty snacks as this drive will take several hours--but it's worth it--the scenery is beautiful!)*

## Backroads to Bavaria slated

Club Miata Northwest is again hosting the 11th Backroads to Bavaria in Leavenworth, in the heart of the Washington Cascades. This is Oktoberfest weekend, a much-anticipated festival every year. This year's version will feature new drives, a show & shine, the traditional Backroads banquet, and much more!

Home base will be the Enzian Inn in Leavenworth. Additional accommodations are available at the Alpine Rivers Inn, overlooking the Wenatchee River. A block of rooms has been set aside at both hotels. Be sure to mention "Miata Club" when making your reservation.

Cost for the required registration is \$60 per person and the registration will be capped at 150. Check out the website for more information at [www.clubmiata.com](http://www.clubmiata.com) for more information and to register. If you have questions, contact the event coordinator at [backroads.to.bavaria@gmail.com](mailto:backroads.to.bavaria@gmail.com).



**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 [\[towninn.com\]\(http://towninn.com\).](http://www.swan</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

# Explore Oregon pre-run details set

**Pre-Run Hosts: Dee Dahlke & Duncan Johnson**

**Contact: 253.845.2424**

**ToadHallWa@yahoo.com**

**When: July 16-18, 2010**



The fine tuning for the pre-run to the fabulous Explore Oregon Tour is ready to go! If you enjoy driving scenic backroads in your Miata, plan on taking a day off in the middle of summer to join this tour.

Hosted by Dee Dahlke and Duncan Johnson, this pre-run will meet up with the Willamette Valley Miata Club's annual Explore Oregon drive in Astoria, OR.

The meeting place and start point for the pre-run will be from Norma's Burgers & Breakfasts I-5, just off exit 114 of Interstate 5 in Nisqually, Wash. Check their web site at: <http://normasburger.com> for map and information. (Note this is the new I-5 Norma's, not the old Martin Way Norma's.)

We'll meet Friday, July 16 at 9:30 AM, and leave at 10:00 AM. We'll leisurely cruise the two-laners, stop for lunch around South Bend and maybe take a peek at their beautiful and historic courthouse, then continue to a mid-afternoon arrival at Astoria.

Please RSVP for the tour on our PSMC web site so the hosts know who to expect. Be aware that the RSVP for the pre-run does **NOT** register you for Explore Oregon; you must sign up separately with the host club. Additional tour info will be published in the May Sounder. You can follow-up with Dee at 253-845-2424 (late afternoon or early evening is best) or e-mail ToadHallWa@yahoo.com.

Astoria is the center of this year's Explore Oregon run, where you should be prepared to enjoy some of Oregon's most beautiful and historic scenery and explore the awesome back roads of the North Oregon Coast over the weekend of July.

The event hotel is the Best Western Lincoln Inn, overlooking Coastal Oregon's Young's Bay and the Columbia River, the Best Western Lincoln Inn offers friendly customer service, full-service amenities and convenient access to key area attractions. Each guest room cable satellite television and free wireless high-speed Internet access. A complimentary full breakfast is included. Hotel amenities include an indoor heated swimming pool and hot tub and exercise facility.

Watch ships, fishing charters and pleasure craft on the river that Lewis and Clark traveled on their way to the Pacific Ocean 200 years ago or ride the Astoria Riverfront Trolley. Throughout the area you will find beaches, museums, antiques, fishing, clamming, golfing, hiking and lush scenery as well as sport fishing for salmon, sturgeon and bottom fish.

To make your hotel reservation call the number below and be sure to mention "Explore Oregon":

Tel: 503/325-2205 or 800-621-0641

This event filled quickly last year and the hotel is likely to fill soon, so if you plan to attend, you need to book now. The event will cap at 140 paid registrants.

To complete the registration form, go to the WVMC website, [www.oregonmx5.com](http://www.oregonmx5.com). You also will need to RSVP to their website so they will be able to let others know how many and who has made plans to attend. This event already has nearly 100 people signed up, so if you want to go, get registration completed soon!

## Annual tulip run April 24 in La Connor

**Hosts: MG Car Club**

**Contact: [www.mbmgcc.org](http://www.mbmgcc.org)**



Consider all the fun you'll be missing if you don't sign up for the Mt. Baker MG Car Club's 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Tulip Rallye, scheduled for April 24. The 2010 starts from Cascade Mall at 9:30 a.m. with timed starts every few minutes. This year's version will feature a shorter driving route, giving participants a chance to view more tulip fields, and will include a drive-by of some interesting bodies of water.

Cost is \$12 to \$20 depending on when you register. You can obtain registration information at [www.mbmgcc.org](http://www.mbmgcc.org).

Another component of the event is the chance to take home bragging rights for your club. If at least five cars from the PSMC register, the club will have at least one car that has a winner for the club. But you must register as a member of the PSMC for this to happen, and when it does, it could be YOU!

Additionally, bring some canned food for the annual food drive sponsored by the MGCC.

The Tulip Rallye is a gimmick rallye. Taking the place of periodic time/route stops are a series of questions you need to answer. This allegedly enables virtually anyone to do well at the rallye.

Hosted by Dee Dahlke and Duncan Johnson

# 2010 Slush Series ends

By Denise Williamson

The 2010 WWSCC Slush Series has come to an end. Many autocrossers were happy to get out of the house and race. Slush #2 was held February 21 in Shelton. It was named "Autocrossing in Craig's Honor" in reference to veteran autocrosser Craig Anderson, who, sadly, passed away in January. There were 151 entrants, including seven from PSMC.

In Open Street, *Bob Bundy* took first place in his '90 Miata with a 49.397. *Dieter Beldi* took third place in Street Tire 1 in his '07 Mazdaspeed 3 with a DS-indexed time of 43.791. In PRO1, *Glen Hernandez* took 10<sup>th</sup> place his '95R Miata with an STR-indexed time of 43.565 (it's not ready for STS yet), and *Alan Dahl* took 11<sup>th</sup> place in his '90 Miata with an STS-indexed time of 46.868. *Russ Hill* took eighth place in Street Tire 3 in his '91 Miata with an STS-indexed time of 47.651. Having fun in Time Only PM were Dieter Beldi in his '07 Mazdaspeed 3 (51.865) and Tom Slipp in his '91 Miata (55.579). Kudos for the event go to *Bob Bundy*, who had the

fifth top unindexed time of the event. This event was the first one in a long time where all of the PSMC entrants were in Mazdas!

The last slush event, "Dawg Sled", was held March 7 in Shelton. The weather started out dry and got progressively wet, resulting in widely-varying times from AM to PM. There were 120 entrants, including seven from PSMC. *Michael Colangelo* (who has been enjoying a variety of cars recently) won the Improved C class in a "Blueberry Bomber" '89 Honda CRX Si with a 66.357. In Street Tire 3, *Russ Hill* took ninth place in his '91 Miata with an STS-indexed time of 54.673. *Dieter Beldi* won the Street Tire 1 class in his '07 Mazdaspeed 3 with a DS-indexed time of 54.792. *Bob Bundy* won the Open Street class in his '90 Miata with a 56.274. Having fun in Time Only PM were Bob Bundy in his '90 Miata (59.469), Glen Hernandez in an '03 Honda S2000 (68.940), and Michael Colangelo in the Blueberry Bomber with (70.561). BIG kudos for this event go to *Bob Bundy*, who had the second and seventh top unindexed time of the day. Way to go, Bob!

## Miatas in Moab IV is back!



**When: May 14 through 16, 2010**

**Hosts: Utah Miata Club**

**Pre-Register @  
[www.utahmiataclub.com](http://www.utahmiataclub.com)**

The Utah Miata Club is known for it's "Miatas in Moab" drive in event, which attracts more than 300 cars from all over the United States. Go to their website (above) and check out the map, which has markers for every state that has cars registered so far.

You may be interested in joining a pre-run with members of the Mt. Hood Miata Club, who are planning to leave May 12 and will overnight in Twin Falls, ID, arriving in Moab the next day. This club has invited the PSMC membership to join in the fun by either meeting them and a pre-determined location or embarking from Oregon with them. The main events at Miatas in Moab IV will happen Friday and Saturday, and the Mt. Hood group plans to return home via a different route, possibly by way of the Bonneville Salt Flats, with a night on the return in Twin Falls, arriving back at home on Monday, May 17. To contact this group for the pre-run, please email [activitiesdir@mthoodmiata.org](mailto:activitiesdir@mthoodmiata.org).

The Miatas in Moab IV event has no registration fee but you do need to RSVP at their website. Check the website for updated hotel information.

If anyone from the PSMC is going, this would be a great time to sell/trade the PSMC pins or 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorative wine glasses. Notify a board member if you are interested in the opportunity to represent the club and help make the club some money.

Don't forget that the PSMC is hosting the Miatacross in May and we'll need some volunteers to help run this event. You can have some fun driving the track in your Miata during the afternoon events. Even if you're a first-timer, you will be able to test your skills on the track. The 2010 Miatacross event is scheduled for May 8 at Sanderson Field in Shelton. You can contact Dieter Beldi at [dieter.w.beldi@boeing.com](mailto:dieter.w.beldi@boeing.com) for more information.

Also, the 2010 championship season is about to get underway for all of the local autocross groups, including BSCC, SCCA, and WWSCC. Come out and join us!

## President's Message

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Our own Sounder and PSMC Website will keep you informed of upcoming events as our pleasant weather conditions bring forth the 2010 season of rides and events. We still have room for a few more events on the calendar, so don't hesitate to let us know if you have something in mind!

In the meantime, "Drop your tops and hit the black tops!"

### WWSCC Schedule/April

**Go to [www.wWSCC.org](http://www.wWSCC.org) for more information**

4	WWSCC NWDE Streakers' Practice	Sanderson Field
10-11	SCCA Nat'l Tour	San Diego, CA
17-18	SCCA El Toro Pro Solo	El Toro, CA
24-25	WWSCC TS Understeer/Oversteer	Packwood

# 2010 Calendar

For details about these events or to **RSVP**, check out the Calendar at [pugetsoundmiataclub.org](http://pugetsoundmiataclub.org)

## April 2010

- 2 **New Event!** First Friday Formal and ALS Benefit in memory of George Lazur, hosted by Ohlsens and Lazur.
- 11 New Members' Drive, hosted by Ohlsens. Join in and welcome our new members plus a chance to win some fun prizes!
- 24 MG Car Club 29th Tulip Rallye. Gimmick-type Road Rallye - all are welcome; rallye starts in Burlington.

## May 2010

- 1 Detailin' Day, hosted by PSMC Board
- 2 Corvettes de Olympia Open Poker Rallye, on backroads around Olympia. All car clubs are invited to attend. For more information, go to the website at [www.corvettesdeolympia.org](http://www.corvettesdeolympia.org). No pre-run to this event, just come and run it!
- 8 Miatacross, Anderson Field, Shelton
- 8 Sequim Irrigation Festival and Parade
- 15 Poulsbo Viking Fest Parade
- 19 Eat n Greet, Five Guys Burgers, The Landing in Renton, 6:30 p.m., hosted by McGriffs
- 21-23 LeMay Museum On The Road Tour. Check [www.lemaymuseum.org](http://www.lemaymuseum.org) for details.
- 23 Vaughn Cemetery Aisle of Honor and drive to the Motts in Gig Harbor, details TBA.
- 29 Shelton Parade & "After Social" hosted by Gores.

## June 2010

- 5 PSMC Board Election Meeting at Fellers' home in Auburn.
- 12 Second Sloppy Saturday, hosted by McGriffs, starts at The Landing, Renton.
- 19 "Back to the '60's on Vashon," hosted by Stollery
- 22 Eat n Greet in Puyallup, hosted by Dahlke/Johnson
- 26 Port Orchard's Fathoms of Fun Parade.

## July 2010

- 2-4 Historics Races, Pacific Raceways, hosted by Springer
- 4 Kingston 4th of July Parade.
- 10 Whitebey Island Run II, hosted by Shriver/Kus.
- 16-18 Explore Oregon 2010, hosted by Willamette Valley Miata Club..
- 18 Chinatown Parade (tentative).
- 24 Silverdale Whaling Days Parade.
- 24 Mt. Baker Fun Run with Sea to Sky Miata Club, hosted by Millars. The breathtaking views from atop Mt. Baker make this run worth the trip! Usually includes a stop at a great family-owned Italian restau-

## July 2010

- 31 rant to end the day.  
Garage Sale Run, hosted by Olsens. NEW DRIVE! Watch for details soon!

## August 2010

- 7 Great Northwest Gathering, hosted by PSMC Board.
- 17 Eat n Greet, XXX in Issaquah, hosted by McGriffs. Meet your friends at this iconic landmark for burgers and malts on the patio!
- 21 Haywire Hoot II, hosted by Newsoms.
- 28 LeMay Museum Open House, Spanaway. Once a year, the museum opens all the doors to every building so you can see more than 1000 classic and collector cars. A can't miss event!

## September 2010

- 5 South Bend Parade, meet at Gig Harbor for breakfast, hosted by Dahlke/Johnson, with the CDeO Club, offers a fun ride through the backroads to the always-popular South Bend Parade. Follow the caravan to a great fish fry afterward.
- 11-12 Olympic Peninsula Lite, hosted by Millars.
- 18 **New!** First Annual Autumn Rallye, hosted by PSMC Board. This is a new gimmick rallye that will feature driving around the backroads of South King County. There will be prizes for winners plus door prizes and lunch!
- 25 Leavenworth Autumn Fest Parade
- 26 North Cascades Run, hosted by McGranahans.

## October 2010

- 1-3 Long Beach Mystery Tour, hosted by Springers.
- 9 Corn Maze III, hosted by Fellers & Dahlke/Johnson
- 30 Halloween Party, hosted by Millars.
- 31 Bremerton Safe Trick or Treat.

## November 2010

- 6 PSMC Fall Planning Meeting, Mitzel's in Fife, lunch at 11 a.m., meeting at noon.
- 21 Turkey Teaser, hosted by McGriffs, starts in Renton.

## December 2010

- 31 Dee Dalhke's Big Birthday Party! Puyallup. Cruise in for an afternoon casual party and then head off to your nighttime celebrations.



## President's Message



By Tom Millar  
PSMC President

Tonight I took the opportunity to walk out on the deck of my Hampton Hotel room and witness the beautiful evening and the brilliant sliver of a moon on the mountainous horizon in Denver. The past two weeks have been a whirlwind of travel, primarily to Southern California, providing barely enough time to do some much needed chores around the house. Work has been a little too much of a dominating factor in my life lately, not providing enough time for much of anything else. Actually, when I heard about Ray and Elsie Houghton's recent business trip to Tanzania I didn't feel so bad...now that's traveling!

Last weekend, Cindy and I did break away and head down to Charlotte's for her wonderful dinner party, replete with some awesome tacos. I didn't realize she possessed Mexican blood in her veins! It was great seeing some good old PSMC friends, swapping lies, sipping wine and break' in bread...my kind of get together!

This past week I learned of a tragedy that fell upon two of our members, Rick and Sue Wilson. Rick and Sue were involved in an auto accident that unfortunately resulted in Rick's death and Sue being left in critical condition at Emmanuel Hospital in Portland, OR. While it is anticipated that Sue will recover, this process will obviously take some time, both physically and mentally. Please extend your thoughts and prayers to Sue and her family. The club will be sending a plant and making a donation to ABATE in their honor.

At the time of this writing I am preparing for the upcoming nominating Board Meeting which will be held at our home in Mill Creek. I am hoping that we have a good turn out as we need our members to step forward and become involved. Please consider stepping forward and helping to shape the future of our club.

Looking ahead to April we see a First Friday Formal, in honor and memory of George Lazur, being hosted by his wife Gayle, with a little help from Allan and Cheryl Ohlsen. Spring will be coming into its own as some of our members participate in the Puyallup Daffodil Festival Parade. Did I mention that we also need someone to step forward and assume the duties of Parade Coordinator? On April 11<sup>th</sup>, Allan Ohlsen and Mindy Bohnas will once again be hosting the New Member Appreciation Day lunch and ride. This was a highly successful event, debuting last year, and is anticipated to be another success this year. At the end of April, the 29<sup>th</sup> Tulip Rallye, hosted by the MG Car Club, will round out our official activities for the month.

Also this past week I heard from our neighbors up north, the Sea to Sky Miata Club, would like to invite our members for a breathtaking ride up towards Whistler. This should be magnificent!

Speaking of rallyes, we will be hosting our own First Annual Autumn Rallye on September 18<sup>th</sup>. This is a brand new event for PSMC and is intended to surpass the MG Rallye in both participants and "coolness". A preliminary article is in this month's Sounder.

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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](http://pugetsoundmiataclub.org) or send your name, address and check for \$30 (annual chapter dues) to:

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## *First Annual Autumn Rallye*

Hosted by: PSMC Board

When: September 18

Where: Coop's Miata, Maple Valley

The PSMC Board is launching a new annual event on September 18 that we hope will prove to be a fundraiser as well as a lot of fun for our membership. The First Annual Autumn Rallye, will start this year at Coop's Miata and feature a drive through the backroads of South King County. Depending on the timing, this drive will possibly treat participants to a look at some fall colors in the lower elevations.

Although specific details are in development, we know there will be an admission fee of \$20 for up to two people in a car. and the fee will include the drive directions, a raffle ticket for each participant (with opportunity to purchase more), a hot dog, chips, and drink for lunch, and a commemorative coffee mug with an Autumn Rallye logo. Additional mugs will be for sale and additional hot dogs will be available for purchase at the event.

The club has invited members of car clubs throughout the Northwest in an effort to have large participation and raise funds for the club's activities. Prizes will be awarded in several categories

For more information, watch the *Sounder* and the club website.

### **Thanks to the following Miata dealers and businesses who provide PSMC member discounts (simply show your PSMC Card):**

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