

Miata Sounder



Newsletter of the Puget Sound Miata Club
The First Miata Club in the USA!

PSMC Autumn Rallye Spells F U N!

Upcoming Events

September 5

South Bend Parade

Start at Gig Harbor for breakfast and a great ride, show off at the Parade, and end with a super fish fry!

September 18

Autumn Rallye

Our first ever fund raising rallye - curvy roads, good food, entertainment and prizes!

September 25

Autumn Fest Parade

Come to Leavenworth for this annual fall event!

September 26

North Cascades Run

Hosted by: PSMC Board

When: September 18

Where: Coop's Miata, Maple Valley

Imagine a beautiful fall afternoon with the top down, enjoying the colors of the season as leaves turn from green to brown, yellow, red, and orange. Now, imagine driving some backroads with others and answering trivia questions and maybe even winning a prize at the end of the day.

That's what you'll experience if you participate in this year's newest "event" drive, which will hopefully become one of the main fundraisers for the club. The drive will take you around some South King County backroads on some nice curves while enjoying the stellar weather that usually brings fall colors with it.

This drive is being masterminded by Bill Cooper and Karen Perry, who are busy planning some interesting twists to the event. We do know the start and end points will be at Coop's Miata in Maple Valley. You'll be able to stop by the registration booth and collect all your tickets, free gift, and directions and be on your way immediately, if you choose.

After your drive, you will get a hot dog lunch and enjoy your food while listening to the sounds of a three-piece band that specializes in '60's and '70's music. In addition, you will be entered into a raffle for some terrific door prizes, including car care packs, a Made in Washington picnic pack, and a tire rim wall clock, perfect for your shop.

We have partnered with local food banks to help collect canned goods for the local needy, so plan to bring along some canned food to donate at two pit stops along the way.

The entry fee is \$20 per car in advance or \$25 at the gate. The entry fee will come with a raffle ticket for each person in the car, one meal ticket, one set of directions, and one

commemorative gift of a collectible glass with the logo imprinted on it. Additional raffle tickets, commemorative glasses, and lunch tickets will be available for sale at the event. As updates become available, you can find them at the club's website, www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org, where you can download a registration form.

Commemorative glasses with the logo imprinted in a beautiful bright green. Also, the rallye route will go through Enumclaw and MV and will stop at both food banks so people can bring their canned goods to help out the local food banks (free will donations here).



Lost and Found

Lost:

USB cable for my Canon camera. I may have dropped it out of my camera bag at the gathering at Griot's, August 7th. Perhaps by chance someone picked it up? If so, please contact me: Vickie Olson, vickieo456@yahoo.com



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upcoming

Road Run to the SouthBend Parade

Sunday, September 5, 2010

Hosts: Dee Dahlke & Duncan Johnson

Phone: 253-845-2424

E-mail: ToadHallWA@yahoo.com

This will be a scenic run of about 110 miles on fun two-lane roads to drive our Miatas in the annual "Come And Play On Labor Day" parade in South Bend, Wash. (Start with a full tank of gas!) We will arrive about noon and get staged; parade starts at 1:00 PM. Bring your usual car cleaning and decorating junk. Free hot dogs and sodas for all participants at the finish line. Will there then be our traditional PSMC fish fry nearby? Only Rosa knows.

You have four options to join this run:

1. Meet for breakfast at 8:00 AM at Tanglewood Grill, 3222 56th St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335 (Restaurant Phone: 253-858-5555.) Directions: From either Purdy or Tacoma, take the Olympic Dr. exit (Exit 10) off Hwy 16, then take the first right at traffic light on the west side of the freeway onto Pt. Fosdick Dr. NW. Go about 1/4 mile and around the corner and the restaurant is on the left. We will start the run at 9:00 AM.
2. Meet us at our pitstop at Kneeland Park off SR3 in downtown Shelton about 10:00 AM.
3. Meet us about 11:15 AM at the Monte Square shopping center and Chevron, in Montesano, at the SR 107 exit off US 12 freeway.
4. If you and your Miata are already at the ocean beaches, just join us before the start of the parade in South Bend. We usually get staged near the post office.

Should you get confused en route, the hosts' cell phone is 253-861-4554 (day of event only, no coverage at home.)

Please sign up using the RSVP feature on our PSMC web site. Questions to Dee at home phone/e-mail above.

AutumnFest Parade

Join in on Saturday, September 25th, to North Cascades Highway Tour from Chelan. The Autumn Leaf Festival Grand Parade will start at 12 noon in Leavenworth. We will need at least six cars for the Viking Fest and Kingston Groups so come on over and join us for this fun day in Leavenworth. Details will be on the website as plans are firmed up.

Cascade Highway Tour from Chelan

When: Sunday, September 26

Hosted by: A.J. & Vickie McGranaghan

Cell # 253-298-8916

Sunday, September 26, 2010 will be our 3rd attempt at traversing this beautiful high speed route of the North Cascades. This event is designed to dovetail with the Leavenworth Autumn Festival Parade which is being coordinated by Bill Bell on Saturday the 25th. Regardless, if you choose to participate in the parade, the agenda for the No. Cascade trip is as follows: Saturday evening (9-25-2010) will start off with a meet and greet at the: Best Western Lakeside Lodge & Suites, 2312 West Woodin Ave. Chelan, WA 98816. Phone 509-682-4396. Toll free reservations: 800-468-2781.

The event sponsors, (A.J. & Vickie McGranaghan) will be hosting a pot-luck dinner in their suite. (time ???) If you choose to stay in this premier lodging we encourage you to book your reservation at your earliest opportunity. The most cost effective way to book is via the internet at www.bestwestern.com and follow the prompts to Chelan, WA. Check out the above web site. This lodging has many amenities.

Now onto the "meat and potatoes" of this highly anticipated event: Sunday morning 9-26-2010 (at 0845) we will assemble at the front foyer of the Best Western for a drivers safety brief and to hand out maps and to cuss and discuss what's going to take place for the next 5+ hours. In a thumb nail sketch: We as an assemblage will depart Lake Chelan at 0900 and proceed northbound up highway 97 until just prior to Pateros at which time we will proceed onto highway 163 through Methow, Twisp, and Winthrop. This should be about 90 miles and take about 2.5 hours. We anticipate spending approximately a little over an hours sightseeing etc. (Based on past experience you might plan on purchasing a lite snack/lunch to consume during our next break at Diablo dam.)

After leaving Winthrop we will proceed onto Mazama, Diablo, Newhalam, Marblemount and into Rockport. (For you north enders this might be the opportunity for you to peel off on highway 20 which terminates in Mount Vernon area. For the remainder of my fellow miataites, we will continue south on highway 530 from Rockport to Darrington and finally terminating in Arlington. Based on past experience the total distance traveled will be 236 miles and will take about 5 and a half hours (5.5 hours) less the anticipated stops at Winthrop, Rainy Pass, and Diablo dam.

Our contingency plan is as follows: If it rains we'll be "hosed"....Seriously though, the best alternative would be

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Haywire Hoot Was a HOOT!

By Vickie Olson

My driver and I had arrived late for the start of the Haywire Hoot run, (his fault, of course); which meant we had to detour around streets that had been closed for a parade in Olympia. No problem! The itinerary was easy to follow. As we left downtown, every few minutes we just called out, "Did you see a bunch of miatas go by this way?" "They went by here about three minutes ago!" Even kids playing in their yards looked up and waved, as if we were part of the group. We knew we were on track.

The first part zigzagged west from Olympia's city center, between the shores of two inlets, Budd and Ide. Although close to the city, the scenery was so incredible, there was no reason to hurry. We followed a single asphalt lane, with names like French Loop, and Country Club Loop, and wound through a canopy of green in a quiet neighborhood of waterfront homes with driveways that were so long, you couldn't see the homes through the trees. Rather than hurry we slowed to enjoy the peacefulness.

Dee Dahlke and Duncan Johnson's Miata license plate, "Rd Dncr", describes exactly how the string of Miatas looked when we caught up with the them as they twisted and undulated along the fields, forests, and shorelines, of the Haywire Hoot fun run on Saturday August 21. From the end of the string it was like watching a line of graceful gleaming road dancers. Keith and Gayle Newsom, who organized the run, led the group through some of Washington's most beautiful back roads, reinforcing my belief that we live in an incredible state.

The trip held many surprises. The first of which, was two huge plumes of white smoke rising in the air, visible from a long way off. Was it steam or smoke? My first thought was that it was some type of wood products mill. As we got nearer, a familiar smell met my nose. It was the smell of a lit match. Burning sulfur! And then we rounded a corner and there was the explanation of the smoke and the smell. They were coming from the coal-fired power plant of Chehalis. The plant, which is owned by Trans Alta, a Canadian Corporation, is an enormous fort like building, with concrete chimneys billowing white smoke.

The train tracks along side of it had a string of full gondola coal cars stretching at least a mile long. The high-tension towers supporting the electrical wires were evidence of the power being generated and transported to homes and businesses. Several times throughout the trip we crisscrossed under those wires. I found the Wikipedia information to be quite interesting.

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As we meandered our way toward Mary McCranks for lunch we passed through beautiful, pastoral farms and little burgs with names like Bucoda and Maytown, and were treated to the rich smells of dairy farms. When the Miatas powered out of Teitzel Road onto Little Hanaford Road, the rasp and crackle of the exhausts sounded for all the world like a sports car race for the “Under Two Liter” class a half century ago. What goes around comes around and life is good.

The only downside of the trip was that it had apparently been a bad night for small forest creatures that had attempted to cross the roads during the night. Mindy Bohnas mentioned that she had swerved to miss hitting a deer, and a chipmunk had narrowly escaped being hit by covering its little head as her tires straddled it. I’ll bet it had tales to tell it’s forest friends!

At a wide spot in the road all the Miatas pulled off into a gravel parking lot where there was an old country inn with a wide wraparound porch and Voila! We were at Mary McCranks. It’s been in business since 1935, and the food is, dare I say, better than homemade. My driver claims it was the best fish and chips he’d ever had! From all appearances my driver knows good food. The bread, made on site, is the basis of their sandwiches, and the ham and turkey is not the processed cold cut sandwich meat to which we’ve become accustomed. They roast it and slice it for their sandwiches. If you’ve never been there, it’s worth the trip to Centralia to check it out. You can see the menu at www.marymccranks.com/

After lunch our route took us through small towns, most of us had never heard of, unless we’d been on the Haywire Hoot run ten years earlier. As we turned onto the namesake of the run, Haywire Road, we tooted our horns and continued our way through odiferous farmland and lush valleys. Somewhere southeast of Centralia we passed an adult family home called the “Denture Cup Inn.” How appropriate! “I still love my teeth; we just don’t sleep together any more.”

Out beyond Napavine some nostalgic farmer has erected replicas of the famous red-and-white Burma-Shave roadside advertising signs along his fence line. For you young ‘uns out there, Burma-Shave was the original brushless shaving cream, and from the mid-1920s to the

early 1960s their highway signs were a popular segment of roadside Americana. The sequential signs form a little jingle, which you have to assemble in your mind as you pass the string of signs, like this: “He saw the train / and tried / to duck it / kicked first the gas / and then the bucket! / Burma-Shave.”

By the time we were approaching Adna, a lot of people’s High Coffee Warning Lights were flashing, and we spotted a sign for a County Park and thought that might have facilities, but the park was so obscure we missed it completely. Keith and Gayle led us out of town into parts unknown, but then we bumped onto a road, which looped around in a giant rectangle and brought us back to the park.

The restrooms were closed, so the tour zoomed onward in search of a suitable “pit stop,” which is a rare item in those parts. On top of all this, a sub-group wanted to stop ahead at a roadside Home Made Baked Goods stand, which they had discovered on the Astoria run in July. The foodies stopped and staged a car show for the local farm boys as the humans shopped, while the bladder-challenged pressed on.

When the Baked Goods gang purchased all their Jalapeno-Cheese Bread and Blueberry Bread and such they too needed a stop. Entering the village of Rochester the Miatas skidded to a halt at an old grange hall called Swede Hall.

There was a wedding about to start there, but the various PSMC people ran into the building, elbowed aside the groomsmen, and commandeered the rest rooms before anyone burst. Because we are such good sports we signed the guest book in the name of PSMC and took up a small collection for the bride and groom to compensate them for the disturbance on The Happiest Day Of Their Lives.

The finale was a stop at the defunct Olympia Brewery, now Tumwater Falls Park, where we could view the falls and fish ladder and listen to the gentle music of the water. It was a peaceful setting to enjoy before setting out toward home.

Duncan Johnson summed it up well: “ Wonderful roads, truly nice lunch, and the route instructions were so well thought-out and sanity checked.



A Common Interest – Friends Across The Border

During the months of July and August, our club worked to promote good will between our nation and our friends in the nation to the north. We co-sponsored two events that involved our reaching across the Canadian border and joining in with the Sea to Sky Miata club, based in Vancouver B.C.

On a cool and dreary July 17th morning our small band of 3 Miatas met at the Safeway parking lot at I-5 exit 206. Picking up a 4th member along the way, we headed north to the Canadian border at Blain and stood in line for about twenty minutes before crossing into British Columbia.

By the time we crossed the border the weather improved ten-fold and we found ourselves bathed in sunshine, and our tops definitely down. Relying upon a GPS that took us along a peculiar route through Vancouver, we arrived at our pre-determined rendezvous point with the Sea to Sky Miata Club. After a great deal of hoopla and exchanging memorabilia our now band of 25 cars proceeded along to our destination of Alice Lake. The scenery along the way was no less than spectacular. We stopped along the way to afford the Yanks the opportunity to purchase a picnic lunch at Subway prior to descending upon Alice Lake.

Alice Lake is a pristine Canadian Provincial Park, meticulously maintained and affords one the beauty of this spectacular land. We enjoyed a wonderful peaceful time together, swapping stories and generally just co-mingling. Several of us took the journey on foot around this little lake. Our Canadian hosts could not have been more accommodating.

When lunch was concluded our tour proceeded another 40 miles north to Whistler, taking in some additional spectacular scenery. It's amazing to see the road improvements the Canadians have made in preparation for the Winter Olympics earlier this year. Our Sea to Sky Miata Club hosts bid their farewell to us Yanks as we checked into the Hilton Hotel in Whistler Village.

The evening was spent strolling through the village, enjoying the sights and in trying to figure out a place to eat. Once dinner concluded we made our way back to the hotel and engaged in a wine celebration... location... our room.

The following morning we took our time getting up, enjoyed breakfast, and made our way home. Oh, and yes, we did manage to fit in a delightful winery tour outside of Bellingham, the brain child of Ray Houghton! That's alright as it gave us another idea to engage our Canadian friends next year... more to follow.

As many of you know, we were scheduled to have a "Show & Shine" at Lee Johnson Mazda in Kirkland on August 14th. I talked to our contact at Lee Johnson and he felt that 14 cars were not quite enough for them to put on an event. They were used to the turnout (between two clubs) where 35-40 cars were displayed. At any rate, we mutually decided to cancel, but we have left the door wide open for further discussions regarding their sponsorship of PSMC in a variety of yet-to-be-determined ways.

Although we were all disappointed, PSMC member Paul Jaeger remembered that the Sea to Sky Miata Club was planning a trip south to Mt. Baker on this weekend. So, in hurry up fashion, we broadcast the word that we were re-directing our efforts and establishing a "last minute mountain ride" to hook up with our Canadian friends once again at Mt. Baker.

This time our group of four started at our I-206 exit rendezvous point, with our tops down. Following coffee, gassing up, and some socializing, we proceeded up Highway 9 to Glacier where we awaited the arrival of our Sea to Sky Miata Club members. Once they arrived we enjoyed some brief camaraderie before heading up to the mountain top.

Given that our temperatures in the Seattle area topped ninety degrees, the cool temps enjoyed by those participants along the way to Mt. Baker provided a welcome relief. Upon our arrival at Artist's Point we parked, wondered around a bit, took in several photo ops and generally continued to enjoy the coolness provided by the this high and snow-laden environment. Once we had our fill of this cool paradise we proceeded back down to Glacier where we enjoyed a wonderful Italian lunch at Milano's.

This year, Tom and Paul managed not to park on top of the septic field which created quite a stir from the restaurant owner last year! When lunch was concluded our Canadian friends made their way north while us Yanks proceeded south, enjoying wonderful sights along the way such as Lake Whatcom and the Sound while rambling down the spectacular Chuckanut highway.

Miatas In Moab IV, Part 1

by Tom Mackey

They don't call Hwy 50 through Nevada "The Loneliest Highway in The US" without good reason, and we are six miles off that road on a jeep track. Miss Daisy, our 2009 Competition Yellow MX5 Miata doesn't even have 2000 miles on her odometer, and I don't think she is too happy with my taking her out in the rough. I'm hoping she doesn't get even with me by having a flat – It's a long way from where we are to anywhere and I think the buzzards have taken an interest in us...

The sign back at the highway (if you can call two-lane blacktop a "highway" – that's as good as Hwy 50 gets) said we could see earthquake faults just six miles away. Well, heck, we are on day three of our journey, behind schedule (our usual state of affairs on road trips), and Miatas are not known for off-road capability – "Sure, I'd like to see them, too", I had replied to Marilyn's request.

This area near Fairview Peak had experienced a magnitude 7.1 earthquake on December 16th, 1954. The area we are in has some of the largest and best preserved fault scars I have ever seen. While the average displacement in this extensive system of faults had been 1.2 meters, here they are over 5 meters. We would like to hike up to the area showing the greatest displacement, but we choose to take some pictures and point Miss Daisy back towards the highway – we have a lot of miles still to go before we reach our destination in Moab.

It all started some months ago when I decided to try to get a room for "Miatas In Moab IV", to be held May 14-16, the fourth in what has become a bi-yearly event put on by the Utah Miata Club. We had enjoyed "Miatas In Moab, the Sequel" (it was the second time they had put on this event), and wanted to find some dry roads and sunshine, and introduce Miss Daisy to about 225 of her kin folk.

Now for those of you who have gone on one of our drives know, if there is a back road between Point A and Point B, even if that road takes you through Points C, D, E, and F, that's probably the route we will take. In our case, the "points" were Bend Oregon and Virginia City, Fallon, and Ely Nevada. If you put those towns in Google Maps you will see that instead of the nice straight diagonal between Seattle and Moab, you will have instead the "other two" sides of the triangle, with the turn at Virginia City.

The first day was mostly a shake down, it was the first long trip in Miss Daisy, and we had left directly from work – it was late when we got into Bend, and early when we left. Day two took us along Hwy 97 through the "Oregon Outback" – which is a very apt description. We make sure we kept the tank topped off, as there are several long stretches of road without operating gas stations. Just after entering California we found a place making plum wine like

my grandfather used to make, so we stopped for a tasting and of course a few bottles to take back.

We hit Reno at rush hour and were glad to escape the traffic to turn up the winding narrow road that took us to Virginia City. Even though many shops had closed, there were enough still open to give us a chance to stretch our legs as we poked about the old antique mining gear, sundries, clothes, and tools from a bygone era.

Everyone we asked about restaurants mentioned the same place and so we had a wonderful dinner of Mexican Fried Pork, Chile-smothered Burritos, and Margaritas. Heading East down off the pass, it is only another 60 miles until we reach our motel room in Fallon. Fallon is home to one of our "Top Gun" fighter schools. Exhausted, we can wonder what antics our "Top Guns" have performed in this room, where every wall is covered with mirrors...

Breakfast the next day is at a wonderful 50's style diner. It's got fast service, good food, and has a menu and décor, and jukebox, that transport us back to simpler days. I think we finally realize that we on a vacation, however short, and we are looking forward to some of the stops we have planed along Hwy 50. We noticed an espresso shop and gas station next door, so we get some high octane for Miss Daisy and high test for us, wipe the bugs off the windshield, and take Hwy 50 out of town. Tonight we have reservations in Moab.

The plan is to stop at each of the towns between Fallon and Ely, and see the charcoal ovens outside of Ely before continuing on into Utah where we will eventually catch the I-15 and I-70 Superslabs – we figure we should get to Moab in time to get registered for MiM-IV. Now, we've done some research and so we can pick out points of interest, like the huge sand dune where folks play with their jeeps and sand rails.

We're buzzing right along and I start figuring the distance to Middleton when Marilyn points out the sign to the earthquake faults. I'm a sucker for geological features, and six miles doesn't sound too bad, and the jeep track looks pretty good, and that's how we ended up outside of Fallon, Nevada, six miles off the highway, on a jeep track, in our new Miata, with a blown schedule.

Besides being "Lonely", Hwy 50 is interesting for two other reasons. First, a large portion of it was an alignment of the Lincoln Highway, which was the first coast-to-coast highway in America. There are several original or replica Lincoln Highway sign posts along Hwy 50. The Lincoln Highway, in turn, followed several popular emigrant trails, including the Oregon Trail, the Pony Express Route, and the Mormon Trail. Middleton is an original Pony Express stop. Second, this area of the country is known as the "Basin and Range", because it consists of North-South valleys separated by

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The Gathering 2010

by Vickie Olson

The Miata Club members, who put together the Great Miata Gathering at Griot's Flagship store in Tacoma on Aug 7, have reason to feel pleased. Thank you to all who volunteered their time and energy to make it all happen without a glitch. In spite of the threat of rain, which may have deterred some attendees, close to 40 Miatas participated, according to Bob Mott, one of the organizers. Bob gets credit for making the arrangements with Griot's for the use of their facilities. Bravo Bob! He had made a trip to Griot's Garage in Tacoma for purchasing car care supplies, and asked if it was available for renting for a Miata club event.

Not only was it available, Griot's encourages car clubs to use their facilities free of charge. Griot's '50's themed flagship store with its beautiful lawn, covered barbeque area, large parking lot, displays of classic cars and motorcycles, was an outstanding choice for the gathering. You were right, Charlotte, when you said, "you gotta see these restrooms." Griot's isn't just a car care store, it's a destination.



The gathering got started at 10:00 with a tech workshop in the garage. The young man doing the demo used special lights to show how the polishing and waxing products could make the most discerning car buff smile. It was amazing to see the difference between what had been polished and what hadn't. When asked what the cost would be to have a car detailed, he answered that it starts at about \$500, depending on how much you want done, and goes up from there. He also said he travels the whole U.S. to custom detail autos. If you were at the Miata Club Detailin' Day, you know that Griot's donated a variety of cleaning and polishing supplies.

Miata owners love talking about their cars, and there was no shortage of "Miata talk." We've all felt the need at some point to make our presence known in traffic with more than just a timid "beep beep". How about making your presence *painfully* known? Many club members may know of Bill Hughes' ingenuity which made that wish a reality. He has installed an air compressor in his '92 "ZOOMX3" Miata and hooked it up to both a Mack truck and a Peterbuilt air horn.

According to Bob, when he pulls the trigger, it can blow a cell phone from a distracted driver's hand. Quite believable! He has also installed a manifold on his wiper fluid reservoir, so that when he pulls another trigger, water squirts unexpectedly from the nose of his Miata. "It makes parades great fun." Bob says.

Chef Thomas Millar fired up the briquettes and donned his apron. With burger flipper in hand he looked so good he could have been mistaken for a TV BBQ celebrity. With Charlotte Fellers help, they served up an outstanding meal. If you're interested in making Charlotte's fantastic green salad, look for it on the pugetsoundmiataclub.org website. It's a winner!

Dessert brownies provided by Mindy Bohnas' were so good, that if you only ate one, you really showed restraint. When the food is served and it gets quiet, you can be sure it is being enjoyed!

After a delicious lunch, Club President Mike Springer drew the winning tickets for door prizes. Winners were given the option of choosing their prize. Charlotte Fellers themed gift baskets were some of the first to go. Next, the winners of the "Peoples' Choice" were announced. The third place plaque went to Eric and Barbara Cooley of Federal way for their bright yellow 2006 MX5. Brad and Pam Gibbs of Sammamish took second for their "Copper Red" 2009. And Tom Mackey and Marilyn Huckleberry of Mill Creek took first with their bright shiny "Competition Yellow" 2009. Tom thought perhaps people liked the car with his matching yellow hat.

The winners of the award for having traveled the farthest to be at the gathering went to the owners of the 1991 Special Edition BRG garage queen, Mike and Mary O'Connor from Tigard, Oregon. With only 24K miles, she looks like she just left the assembly line. This beauty has been pampered.

The whole event was well planned. Even the weather seemed to have cooperated, holding the rain at bay until the conclusion of the events. All the Miata folks had time to wander through Griot's store and enjoy the fabulous restrooms one last time before the weather dropped its rainy curtain to close the gathering.



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steep and high mountain ranges. Each range seems to one or another mining operation.

Middleton, however, is in the middle of a "range", and was situated here because a spring nearby provided water for the horses used by the Pony Express Riders. We stop for a soft drink and are amazed by the dollar bills, each with a name or names written on them, covering the ceiling of the only building in Middleton, which serves as gas station, restaurant, general store, rest stop, and tourist attraction.

There are buggies, old car parts, and old tools and mining equipment strewn about, and across the road is a Lincoln Highway sign. We would have liked to stay longer, but the siren call of the road calls to us. Zoom-zoom and off we go.

And zoom-zoom we do, as most of the road in the basins is arrow-straight and there is no one else out there. At one point I saw the speedo was indicating, well, pretty darn fast, OK?, before Marilyn noticed and started "talking" to me. Like most men, I would rather eat broken glass than be "talked to", so I dropped Miss Daisy well back into double digits and we enjoyed the rest of the ride into Ely; along the way we made brief stops in the several mining towns and dodged the weather we could see off in the distance.

Outside of Ely we saw the signs to the Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historic Site, but alas, it was too far off the road and we did not have enough time. Likewise with Great Basin National Park. And the site we heard about where you can collect garnets. We will have to come this way again.

It was dark when we reached the Interstate; we stopped at the last restaurant before Green River, a stretch of 200 no-services miles, then turned south and arrived in Moab just before midnight, local time. The entire parking lot was full of Miatas – Miss Daisy sighed contentedly and we all went to sleep.

Next month: Arches, Gun Fights, Hanging Flumes, Pallets of Goodies, and Grand Junction.



*by Mike Springer
PSMC President*

Presidents Message

What a summer of extremes we are having. I'm reminded of a baseball story, since this is the season for such. A well known shortstop who hit for average watched a towering home run hit by Yankees great Dave Kingman, measuring over 600 feet and commented, "I could have cut that into 5 or six singles". So also our weather, either sweltering in the 90's or shivering in the 60's.

The date for our clubs annual "Gathering" was chosen for what is statistically one of the driest of the year, turned out chilly and drizzly. The club members, who came in good numbers, were undaunted. The site was excellent and fortunately had a large covered area. Special thanks to Bob Mott who arranged for use of the Picnic area at Griot's Garage.

Our Past President Tom Millar took charge of the grill with board member Tom Mackey at the second station, Charlotte Fellers gathered the food to go with the hamburgers. Thanks to them and all of the others who worked hard to make this such an enjoyable event. Griots' had a product demonstration for us. Those of you who are fans of historic race cars and missed the event will want to see the collection on display behind the product sales area.

Our clubs next big event is the PSMC Fall Rallye on September 18th starting at 9:30 AM, at Coop's Miata in Maple Valley. Tell all of your friends about the event which is open to all comers. It should be fun and a colorful drive.

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to cancel the No. Cascade trip and proceed on your own back home either via Stevens Pass or via I-90.....

This trip in the past has been a "gas" (that's a play on words) in that it allows us to take our roadsters out for a wee stretch of the legs utilizing high speed avenues of approach. (That's army talk for unimpeded routes that tanks can utilize to run down the enemy in great haste).....If you haven't participated in this event in the past, we encourage new and old members to give it a try...Trust me....(I'm from the government) You'll love it and won't be disappointed.

Vickie and I are looking forward to sponsoring this event and putting back/contributing into the club by sponsoring this run. We are anticipating great weather (and little traffic being a Sunday) and the companionship of our fellow miataphiles.

2010 Calendar

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

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.
- 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.

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.

New Faces

Mike & DeeDee Henry 00 Red - Puyallup



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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.

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Familiar Faces

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David & Vickie Olson	02 Titanium	Renton
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Sophia McSherry	97 BRG	Tacoma
Sandra Huber	Red	Monroe
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