

Miata Sounder



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

Reminder: Board elections upcoming

HOSTS: Dee Dahlke & Duncan Johnson

When: June 11 @ 11:30 a.m.

**Phone 253-845-2424, e-mail
ToadHallWA @ yahoo.com**

Your board will meet at Dee & Duncan's home to conduct annual elections and address such other business as may come up. All PSMC members are always welcome to attend board meetings.

Schedule:

11:30 AM Lunch

12:30 PM Meeting

Hosts will provide the main course for lunch. Guests please bring a side dish, salad, dessert, munchies, beverage, or whatever to fill out the table.

Nominations include:

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Director at Large: Frank Shriver - returning

Director at Large: Mindy Bohnas - returning

Director at Large: Tom Millar - new

Director at Large: Vickie Olson - new

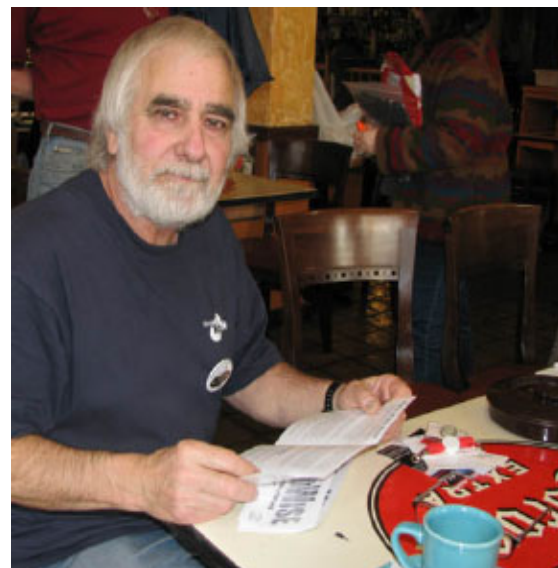
Director at Large: LeRoy Burgess - new

Director at Large: Allan Ohlsen - returning

FYI: In parallel, there will be a significant cruise-in of classic Model-A Fords next door and we all are invited to walk over and look around. (This is not your hosts' collection of old crocks.)

Directions to event: Set your GPS to find 2007 36th St. SE, Puyallup, WA 98372. (If it tries to take you to 2007 36th St. E. in Edgewood, it is wrong, so beat it until it learns the correct address.) For analog navigators: Take freeway 512 to Puyallup and exit at Pioneer Ave. At end of ramp turn right (east) on Pioneer. Go about 1.2 miles, then right at huge traffic light array onto Shaw Rd. Go up the hill about a mile, then left at traffic light onto Crystal Ridge Dr. At bottom of hill, right onto 20th Ave. SE. Take first right onto 36th St SE (sign on left, obscure in trees.) We are the first driveway on the left, 2-story yellow house, #2007, names on mailbox.

The Puyallup Police Department has a new traffic squad this season and they are eagerly demonstrating their enforcement capabilities. We suggest you motor prudently in town. Please RSVP on our club web site so hosts know who's coming, and if your plans change, please notify the hosts promptly.



John Boespflug at the New Members Appreciation Run in April. John owns 6 Miatas, two with his brother. He also donated \$50 toward expenses for Detailin' Day! Welcome to the club, John!

Photo by Mindy Bohnas

Upcoming Events

June 4

Shelton Parade

June 11

Board elections for 2011-12 Board of Directors for PSMC. Lunch at 11:30, meeting after, details this page.

June 18

New event! Garage sale run, page 2

June 29

Eat 'n Greet in Puyallup, 6 p.m.

July 1-3

Historic races

July 9-10

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Opel car show, Silverdale parade

July 24

Chinatown parade



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upcoming

Get your junk in the trunk Garage Sale Run

When: June 18

Where: Check website

Hosts: David and Vicky Olson

Contact: See website

It's not too early to reserve June 18th for the first and perhaps the last, (depending on how it goes,) Garage Sale rally and picnic. The details are sketchy at this point, but if you put it on your calendar, by June 18th there will be a fun Saturday run, with some crazy prizes and some good grub. A sage old friend once told me "Just put it on the calendar!"

The plan so far is to wind through some scenic country where garage sales have been scheduled, and end up at a park with a covered area (just in case) for a hearty picnic/barbeque and a chance to showcase garage sale "treasures." Prizes will be awarded for categories that could include: "Just For Laughs" or perhaps "A Treasure In the Buff The Rough" or, "Who Wouldn't Want That", "Most Beautiful" or "Most unique".

By June 18th we'll be ready to put the top down and just enjoy a sunny Miata run.

Sea to Sky Tour -- Alice Lake Picnic Run

When: July 9-10, start July 9@7:00 a.m.

Where: Exit #206 off I-5

Hosts: Tom Millar

Contact: See website

Once again we will be teaming up with the Sea to Sky Miata Club to participate in their Alice Lake Run. Last year the weather and fellowship were equally splendid and we're anticipating similar conditions this year. We have scheduled the ride a bit earlier this year so we do not compete with the Oregon tour. Some of us may go up on Friday to enjoy Whistler for an additional day. Let me know if you would like to join the group leaving on Saturday. For those leaving on Saturday morning, the meeting point will be in the Safeway parking lot, exit 206 off I-5, on the east side of the freeway, at 7:00 a.m. After a brief driver's meeting we will hit the road at approximately 7:15. On the north end of Bellingham we will peel off and take the Guide Meridian to the Sumas border crossing. We will then proceed up Canadian Highway One to rendezvous with the Sea to Sky Miata folks. Our early start time will allow us to clear the border in Blaine in time to enjoy breakfast or at least a stop at Starbucks. **Participants need to have a passport when crossing the U.S./Canadian border.** Our meeting place with our Canadian friend will be in North Vancouver, at Westview Shopping Centre at 10:00am for a 10:30am departure. This centre is in a strip malls, so it's worth noting there's a McDonalds, Esso gas station, a Safeway Grocery store, and a big parking lot. The address is: 2601 Westview Dr, North Vancouver, BC, V7N3X3. Just take exit 17 off HWY-1, the centre is right on the side of the HWY. In conversation with our Canadian counterparts this is a very nice ride and we are in for a treat. I have listed below a synopsis of the ride according to our Sea to Sky Miata Club contact:

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Crystal Mountain Miata Run

When: July 30, @8:30 a.m.

Where: Old Cannery, Sumner WA

Hosts: AJ & Vicky McGranahan

Contact: McGranaghan@msn.com

To start off with first, due credit has to go to my co-pilot/spousal unit, (and the brains behind this operation) Vickie McGranaghan, for conjuring up this idea/event.

ITINERARY

Saturday lunch on top of Crystal mountain ski resort

<http://www.crystallmountainresort.com/Summer-Activities/Summit-House>

Scenic Gondola Rides

Take a scenic ride on the Mt. Rainier Gondola over meadows of wildflowers and mountain streams to the summit of Crystal Mountain. Once you reach the top you'll find a breathtaking view Mount Rainier and the Cascade Range along with the Summit House – the highest restaurant in Washington!

The Summit House Restaurant is perched at the top of the mountain at 6,872' and is accessed by the Mt. Rainier Gondola.

Rates for gondola trip:

Adult (18-69) \$20

Youth (11-17) \$15

Senior (70+) \$15

The Summit House is open for lunch every day the gondola is open! The lunch menu offers a wide range of items from homemade soups and fresh salads to seafood and steak & fries. Reservations are strongly recommended (360) 663-3085. Walk-ins are welcome but space is subject to availability. Hours: 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (last seating 2:30 p.m.)

If you choose not to participate in the lunch but still care to partake in this spectacular view than the gondola ride is only \$20.00 r/t (relax, they're not going to make you walk down)....

- Assemble at [The Old Cannery Furniture Warehouse and Fudge Factory](#) at 13608 Valley Ave E # A Sumner, WA 98390-1535 (253) 863-0422 at 9:00 a.m. on the July 30, 2011.

Sea to sky combined run scheduled

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"This run is about 2.5 hours of driving through some very spectacular roads and scenery. We will meet at 10.00 am for 10.30 am departure in North Vancouver at Westview Shopping Centre, just off Highway 1 (exit 17). We drive Highways 1 & 99 to Alice Lake, about 1.5 hours drive, stopping just before the lake to pick up a picnic lunch. Alice Lake is very pretty, with lots of picnic tables, although many of us take fold up chairs. We usually hike around the lake (optional!) about a half hour stroll. It being a Provincial park, one has to pay for parking, \$2 Can. I seem to remember. Then it will be on to Whistler, about a one hour drive. We should arrive in Whistler about 3.30 pm."

Since it does involve a picnic, participants are advised to pack a lunch, or you can pick up a lunch along the way. As per the write up, the ride concludes in Whistler where we will be spending the night. There are many hotel options available and you are urged to seek your own accommodations. Cindy and I will be staying the Hilton. I would also suggest that you make hotel reservation plenty of time in advance to ensure best availability and pricing. We will decide on a mutually acceptable place for dinner once we are there. On Sunday morning, the plan is to return home around mid morning. We hope you will join us on this delightful ride with our Canadian counterparts!

- We will proceed out of Sumner at 9:00 a.m. and eventually travel via highway 410 up to the parking lot of Crystal mountain which should put us at the Crystal Mountain parking lot around 10:30 a.m. If you've never taken the last seven miles up to Crystal Mountain it will be a Miataphiles delight.
- After a short walk from the Crystal mountain parking lot to the gondola you will be delighted by the scenic 10 minute ride to the summit house.
- It is advisable to contact Crystal Mountain Summit House for advance reservations (360) 663-3085.
- Bring your driving gloves, cameras and your appetite, because with a lit'l bit of luck the mountain will be in view. If you've never been skiing at Crystal and the weather cooperates, Mt. Rainer will offer a different perspective and view that is rare.
- After our time at the summit allowing adequate time for digestion and pictures we can discuss a couple of different options for our departure off the mountain and back to our start point.

PSMC Autumn Rallye spells fun!

Hosted by: PSMC Board

When: October 8

Where: TBA

The Second Annual PSMC Autumn Rallye, which serves as the main fundraiser for the club, is already in the planning stages. Set for October 8, the rallye will once again feature the excitement and drama of a poker run coupled with an intriguing drive through the backroads and byways of South King County.

In its inaugural year, the rallye attendees donated nearly a dozen boxes of canned goods to the Maple Valley Food bank as one of our community service projects in conjunction with the rallye. We'll be doing this again this year.

Not only that, by mid-October, we should have a wonderful opportunity to experience our beautiful state in all its colorful fall glory. This rallye will take you through some fun backroads in South King County for a drive that we expect to take between two and 2 ½ hours to complete. Along the way, you'll be challenged by some interesting trivia questions along with the five stops to draw a poker hand.

Cost for the rallye is \$20 (pre-registered, \$25 on day of event) per car, which includes your drive directions and trivia questions, two raffle tickets, one lunch ticket, and one commemorative gift of a glass with the logo for the rallye on it. We anticipate you will go on the drive and meet back at the start point for a hot dog lunch, awards to winners, and the raffle. Expect the chance to win some useful car cleaning items as well as some other fun prizes that appeal to the taste buds.

We'll be selling additional lunch tickets for \$2 if you bring a carload and we'll have additional raffle tickets available for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. You will be able to deposit your



tickets in the box for the item you'd like to win, so we are encouraging you to buy a lot of tickets to guarantee the win!

Drivers can check in and pick up their rallye directions, gifts, and tickets, plus purchase additional items beginning at **9:30 a.m.** This is not a timed rallye. We'll award prizes based on poker hand. We'll be announcing rallye winners at approximately 1:30 p.m.

We invite you to join us in bringing one can of food per person to contribute to the local food bank. If you prefer to donate cash, we'll have a donation jar for cash too. Keep up with new

information about this drive at www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org.

The Mall Prowl (mostly)

for women only drive!

When: Nov 26, 7 a.m.

Where: Bellevue (details TBA)

Why: Because women like to shop and talk!

How would you like to put yourself into the holiday spirit while working off that inevitable food coma from Thanksgiving? If you aren't tied up with other commitments, join us for the Mall Prowl Drive on the Saturday following Thanksgiving. You can hit some of your favorite shopping haunts and finish purchasing those special gifts that you didn't have time to get on Friday between 4 and 8 a.m.

This drive is still under construction, but the plan is to start early with a 7 a.m. breakfast and drivers' meeting before we set off for Bellevue Square and our first stop. The plan is to spend between 2 and 2 ½ hours at each stop, building in time for lunch. We hope to hit at least three major shopping areas throughout the day, giving everyone an opportunity to hit the sales and a little time to explore places you might never have stopped otherwise. We'll wrap up our trip with dinner at the beautiful Copper Falls Restaurant in Auburn, overlooking the Auburn Golf Course.

Although men are welcome to join us, you might be happier just dropping in for the happy hour/dinner portion of our day. Copper Falls has a great happy hour from 4-6 daily, featuring typical pub food, and a full dinner menu. You will find the restaurant is cozy and welcoming, and they will be glad to see a congenial party like ours come through the door. You can learn more about Copper Falls on their website at www.copperfallsrestaurant.com.

Please keep an eye on the PSMC website for details as they get firmed up!



Around 25 cars participated in the judging for the Detailin' Day Show n Shine event. Here are three Miatas ready for judging now

Photo by Mindy Bohnas.

Two Lanes to annual Oregon get-together

Pre-Run Hosts: Dee Dahlke & Duncan Johnson

Contact: 253.845.2424

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When: July 15-17, 2011



Are you planning on attending the annual "Explore Oregon" weekend in Salem this year? Hosted by the Willamette Valley Miata club, our friends to the south have some great fun trips planned and a fabulous hotel lined up for this year's event.

Additionally, a pre-run has been organized for the drive down to Oregon. This will be a one-day back roads cruise at leisurely speed from Puyallup, USA, to Willamette Valley Miata Club's big Explore Oregon 2011 meet in Silverton, Oregon. We'll head south exploring newly-found two-lane blacktop east of I-5, then zig southwest to cross the Columbia River at Longview. After a brewpub-type lunch the route will revisit some favorite twisties (and a few new roads) in the hills of NW Oregon, finally cutting southeast across the Willamette Valley to Silverton. We'll arrive in time for the opening afternoon's socializing.

Leave from: Shari's Restaurant parking lot (between Shari's, Chevron, & Albertson's) on Canyon Road just off Freeway 512, between Puyallup and Tacoma. Meet at 8:00 AM and leave promptly at 8:30 AM. Hosts' cell phone 253-861-4554 (at event start only, no coverage at our house.) The early start is because this will be a long day's run (200+ miles) on back roads.

Directions to start: Set your GPS to find 10904 Canyon Rd. E, Puyallup WA 98373. For the cyber-challenged, take exit 127 off I-5 in South Tacoma onto SR 512 eastbound toward Puyallup. After about 6 miles exit onto Canyon Road. Right

at end of ramp toward Frederickson, and Shari's will be immediately on your right. If you live between about Olympia and Portland, e-mail or call the hosts in advance and they'll give you a local meet-up point along the course, so you don't have to double back so much.

Please RSVP on our club web site so hosts know who's coming on the road tour, and if your plans change, please notify the hosts promptly.

NOTE WELL: You must sign up in advance direct with WVMC to attend the actual meet. See their web site at: <http://www.oregonmx5.com/> You must also make your own reservations at the host hotel; for details see: <http://www.moonstonehotels.com/Oregon-Garden-Resort.htm>

Friends Across the Border

Ride to Mt. Baker

When: August 6, 2011, 7 a.m.

Where: Safeway Parking Lot, Exit 206, off I-5

On the first Saturday in August we are planning a trip with our Canadian friends from the Sea To Sky Miata Club. This is a delightful ride that starts up near Smokey Point and proceeds up the back roads to Glacier. We will take a break in Glacier, and then travel to our rendezvous location which will be at the Park Ranger Station. This is a beautiful experience as the tour proceeds up to our stopping point on Mt. Baker. At this point there will be ample opportunity to exchange stories, trade secrets with our north of the border friends and multiple picture taking opportunities. Once we have had our fill of the Mountain we will travel back to Glacier where we will have lunch at Milano's Italian Restaurant which is wonderful. After lunch we take the back roads home through scenic areas like Lake Whatcom and Chuckanut Drive. You won't be disappointed so please join us for the delightful ride.

Directions to Starting Point:

The meeting point will be in the Safeway parking lot, exit 206 off I-5, on the east side of the freeway, at 7:00 a.m. After a brief driver meeting we will hit the road at approximately 7:15.

upcoming

Escape to Red Mountain Wine Tour

**Hosts: Ray and Elsje Houghton,
Paul Jaegar, Tom and Cindy Millar**
Contact: 425-483-6741
houghrl@comcast.net

When: September 9-11, 2011

The pre-run has been completed and Tom, Paul, Cindy, Elsje and Ray have planned out the weekend. We will meet at the outlet mall in North Bend (Exit 31 Eastbound I-90) at 9:30am Friday Sept 9th. There are gas stations at this exit as well as Safeway so turn up with a full tank of gas. At ~10am after a drivers meeting we will head east on I-90. At Exit 109 we will take a break at the Conoco truck stop. We will then travel east again on I-90 then south on Hwy 243 (exit 137) just after crossing the Columbia River. As we approach Mattawa we will turn on Road 22.5 SW. This will lead us to Ginko Forest Winery our first stop on the Wahluke Slope. This AVA has many vineyards in particular Milbrandt but only one tasting room at the winery we are visiting. For \$5 the owners will provide a BBQ hamburger and chips along with the wine tasting. You can also choose to pick up a lunch ahead of time. We will do a hamburger count and collect funds in North bend before we leave so we can give advance warning to the winery.

Next we will head south on Hwy 243 and near the Hanford reservation turn onto Hwy 240 towards Richland. At this point in the pre-run Plutonium Ray (aka Flash Houghton) attempted a world land speed record in a Miata. "The extensively modified Miata was stripped of all unnecessary parts, cowlings and screws during this attempt" and completely lost sight of his co-hosts in the rear view mirror. "Flash" will be a special honored guest on this trip.....be sure you spend some time with him as he recounts the danger and excitement of his exploits. At Hwy 225 we take a right heading towards Benton City. As we approach the town turn right onto Coral Creek Rd and head towards the small but friendly Sleeping Dog Winery (last ½ mile is

gravel so drive slow).After our visit we head back to Hwy 225 and head south (right) to I-82 eastbound and then take the I-182 exit towards Richland. Take second George Washington exit and at the first light turn right into Columbia Point and then the Marriott Courtyard. We have reserved a block of 10 rooms at \$119+tax/night. Reservations for these rooms must be made before 8/9/2011. Marriott Phone (509)-942-9400. The rooms are reserved under the event name: "Puget Sound Miata Club Tour" September 9th & 10th. This is a completely non smoking facility. The hotel has a Bistro and Anthony's is next door as well as other restaurant options within a mile radius.

On Saturday we will meet at ~11:15 am and after a drivers meeting leave for a tour of the Red Mountain AVA. Our first stop will be at Terra Blanca (no tasting fee) where you can purchase lunch at the bistro and relax and enjoy the surroundings. Depending on size of group we may be able to visit the cave. Next we will visit two other wineries Kiona (possible site for group car photo shot) and Hightower. We will then head back to the hotel and dinner will be at your restaurant of choice. Afterwards we will gather to sip some of the vintages of the day and share experiences.

On Sunday we will leave around 11:30 am and head West on I-182 and I-82 and take exit #80 to Prosser where there is a cluster of tasting rooms. We will end the tour at Milbrandt tasting room. They sell deli sandwiches or you can choose other food options available at this exit. The tour will end here and everyone is welcome to enjoy other tastings at their leisure before heading home on I-82 and I-90.

Ray/Elsje/Paul/Tom and Cindy

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Detailin' Day a big success!

If you missed it, there were a lot of positives at this year's Detailin' Day. Besides a change of scene, there were some new faces and a post-detailin' Show n Shine. The culminating event of the day was the announcement of the Show n Shine winners, with trophies provided by our hosts, Lee Johnson Mazda.

Sharing Winner's Circle honors were:

1987-1997:

1st: Dick Gates (1996 Red)

2nd: Jeff Kopanke (1995 Merlot)

3rd: Carol Kus/Frank Shriver (1993 Red)

1999-2005

1st: Bruce Haskin (2003 Garnet Red)

2nd: Mindy Bohnas (2005 Lava Orange)

3rd: Debra Roeder (2001 BRG)

2006-2010

1st: Brad Gibbs (2006 Copper Red)

2nd: Ralph Doty (2010 Black)

3rd: Jim Odle (2006 Marble White)

Judges for the Show n Shine event were Bill Cooper, Dick Gates and Tom Rohm.

Held at Lee Johnson Mazda in Kirkland, the event kicked off bright and early (around 9 a.m.) and cars lined up quickly to get their cars buffed. Thanks go out to buffers Mike Springer, Tom Smith, Ron Haworth and Joe Beretti, and part-time buffer Vickie Olsen. They each buffed cars for much of the morning and well into the afternoon. Fortunately, it was a nice day with not a raindrop in sight, and Lee Johnson Mazda had a big tent set up for cars to be buffed under, so it worked out well.

This year's event also featured car buffing and cleaning products provided by Griot's of Tacoma. Thanks to member Bob Mott for approaching Griot's to have these excellent products donated for this event.

Volunteers are what make the Detailin' Day run well. Sean and Pam McGriff and Carol Kus hosted the registration booth all day and made sure the food was ready at lunchtime. Thanks to chili, cornbread, and dessert makers Charlotte Fellers, Pam McGriff, Lilly Springer, Barbara Burgess, Mindy Bohnas and Cindy Millar. And all that

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Brad Gibbs takes the People's Choice award at the Detailin' Day Show n Shine event. Mindy Bohnas presented the awards.

Photo by Lilly Springer

Spot that thing returns!

Host: Charlotte Fellers

Contact: 253.333.7442

editorcharlotte@gmail.com

When: August 27 at 10 a.m.

Meet up with your Miata friends for an all-new "Spot That Thing" drive. Some of you old timers in the club might have been on the first Spot That Thing drive a number of years ago. That one was hosted by Marilyn Huckleberry and we took a scenic drive up through some back roads around Gold Bar. It was one of my first drives ever as a new PSMC member, and I still remember it being one of the most fun day trips I have ever done. Not sure if it was because of the scenery, the nice people, the originality of the drive, or just the great roads. So, with Marilyn's permission, I've pirated her idea to reinvent this drive.

We'll meet at The Old Cannery Furniture Store in Sumner at 10 a.m. and following a drivers' meeting, cars will head out on a tour of the Green River Valley. This tour is similar to a gimmick rallye, except you will be watching to "Spot That Thing" that looks just like the photos you will receive in the drivers' meeting. Of course, prizes will be given to the winners.

This tour will wrap up with lunch at the Four Corners Pub in Four Corners/Covington.

2011 Calendar

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

June 2011

- 4 Shelton Parade
- 11 Board meeting and elections at Dee and Duncan's
- 18 Garage sale run
- 25 Port Orchard parade

July 2011

- 1-3 Historics Races, Pacific Raceways, hosted by Springer
- 9-10 Tour to Whistler for an overnight trip hosted by the Vancouver, BC Sea to Sky Miata Club, co-hosted by the Millars.
- 15-17 Explore Oregon 2010, hosted by Willamette Valley Miata Club..
- 17 Opel car show, Silverdale
- 23 Silverdale Whaling Days parade
- 24 Chinatown Parade, evening in downtown Seattle. Your car will look great with a beautiful Chinese or Japanese princess in the back of it!
- 30 Crystal Mountain

August 2011

- 7 Flumerfelt Fling, Chehalis
- 20 Great Northwest Gathering, hosted by PSMC Board.
- 27 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 2011

- 4 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.
- 9-11 Red Mountain Wine Tour. Don't miss!
- 17 Sunset Trail Tour -- an old favorite returns!
- 24 Leavenworth Autumn Fest Parade
- 26 North Cascades Run, (host needed)

October 2011

- 1 Corn Maze III, hosted by Fellers & Dahlke/Johnson
- 8 **Second!** Annual Autumn Rallye, hosted by PSMC Board. This is a gimmick rallye that will feature driving around the backroads of South King County. There will be prizes for winners plus door prizes and lunch!
- 10-11 Oly mpic Penninsula Lite Tour, hosted by Millars
- 29 Halloween Party, hosted by McGriffs.
- 31 Bremerton Safe Trick or Treat.

November 2011

- 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 2011

- 10 Holiday open house, hosted by Fellers

Message from the new editor

I am rushing to get this issue complete enough to send off before we leave for the three-day weekend, and I do apologize to those of you who provided pictures and articles that did not make it in. This is my first experience with PageMaker, and it has been a frustrating experience. Please excuse all the blank space in this issue – I have confidence that the next one will be better.

In coming issues I plan to share some of our experiences driving around this state and our country, and Marilyn will be writing a series of "The best Miata road to..." It should be interesting.

For now, given the late hour, I must wrap this up and send it off to be mailed so it arrives in time to make sure folks know about the elections on the 11th. Until next time, keep the shiny side up, the bugs off your window, and the bears off your tail!

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Detailin' Day aftermath

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food was complemented by the excellent hot dogs provided by Lee Johnson Mazda, who also provided beverages.

Those who wanted to get their motor power washed appreciated the services of PSMC board member AJ McGranaghan, who was caught helping with the hand washing of cars a time or two. His worthy assistant to help direct traffic to the power wash/car wash areas was Tom Mackey.

The day ended on a happy note with the awarding of 13 raffle prizes ranging from coffee & chocolate packs to various car cleaning and shine products from Griot's and MaGuair's.

President's Message

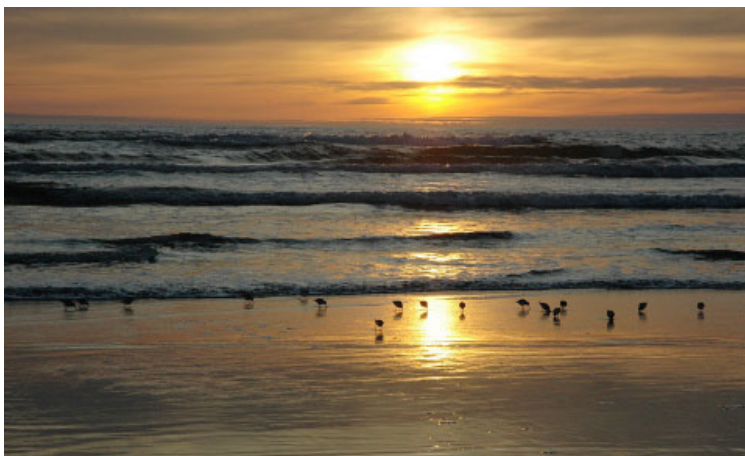
By Mike Springer
PSMC President



For my last message as president, I want to share one of my greatest pleasures. I enjoy the exploration when planning a new event, I keep the photos taken and use some when I write the article for the event. Here are two that have not been published



On the open road with my favorite traveling companion, Lilly



A fitting end, hunting for the perfect sunset



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MEMBERSHIP

The club operates as a non-profit organization and relies primarily on volunteer services. However, sponsorship of events, the publication and mailing of the monthly newsletter and operating supplies constitute a financial burden that must be met by the membership. Make your Miata experience more enjoyable-join and participate. To keep the club meaningful and solvent, we need your support.

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

Puget Sound Miata Club
222 Wells Ave N
Renton, WA 98055

Puget Sound Miata Club
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222 Wells Ave. N
Renton, WA 98057

Have an article for the Sounder?

Remember these tip if you would like to submit an article:

--Before you submit articles, change the font to the Sounder's default font, Arial, 10-point.

--At the end of each sentence, use one space, not two. It saves space and most publications use this format; so do we.

--Send articles as an attachment; don't paste them into the email window. This creates an extra step for the editor, who already has a lot to do.

--If you send photos, send j-pegs. We have to "photoshop" them anyway for publication, so just send them straight from your digital camera.

--Send 3-5 photos, not 25-30. We need your BEST photos, not all of them.

--The deadline for the next month is the 15th of the current month.

--The event host is responsible for writing pre-run articles and finding a volunteer to write a post-run article. Always send photos too.

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

Coop's Miata of Maple Valley (425) 432-9666

Doug's Lynnwood Mazda (425) 774-3551

Mazda of Everett (425) 353-3403

Louie Orrino at South Tacoma Mazda (253) 722-2888/Cost plus 20%

University Mazda of Seattle (206) 634-1191

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

Miata Top Bob's, (206) 782-8081