

Miata Sounder



THE OLDEST MIATA CLUB IN THE UNITED STATES

June 2012

PSMC Elections

When: June 9th, Potluck, 11 a.m. with meeting to follow

Where: [Milam Motors](#), Puyallup



The PSMC board will meet one last time this fiscal year, on June 9, with a potluck lunch to start the day at 11 a.m. This meeting will once again take place at **Milam Motors at 608 River Road in Puyallup**, with the meeting to commence around 11:45 a.m. Everyone in the club is encouraged to come on out to Milam Motors and view the new Miatas and enjoy lunch with your club friends and officers.

Once a year the leadership of the Puget Sound Miata Club changes, in keeping with the by-laws. Director at Large positions this year are: Bill Bell, Tom Mackey, Frank Shriver, Vickie Olsen, Allan Ohlsen, Mike Springer and Kevin Gilbert.

Other positions that are appointed, include Sean McGriff, Insurance Coordinator, who has offered to serve another

year, Mindy Bohnas, Membership Coordinator, who also has agreed to serve another year, and Tom Mackey, who has agreed to serve as the Sounder editor for one more year.

Nominations for Officer positions are: Financial Officer: Sean McGriff and Communication Officer: A.J. McGranahan. The President's position is open. If no one steps up, the board is considering a temporary by-law change to appoint Charlotte Fellers to the President's post another year, with Tom Millar appointed into the Executive Officer position. This is only a stopgap, however, as both positions will open again next year. If you are interested in the leadership of the club, please contact Charlotte at editorcharlotte@gmail.com.

Backroads to Snohomish / Grab that Thing!

When: Saturday, June 16th, 9:30 a.m.

Where: Mill Creek Safeway, corner of 132nd St. and Bothell-Everett Highway

Hosts: Tom Mackey, Tom Millar Contact: tom.mackey@gmail.com, 206-276-9945

The route is decided, the plans are done, and the game is on for Back Roads to Snohomish – which could easily be the zaniest drive of the year. Marilyn came up with a new wrinkle for this run, **Grab That Thing**. CB or FRS (Family Radio Service) Radios are recommended but not required – there are a few sections of the run where it might be helpful to be able to communicate with the drive leaders.

We will meet in the Safeway parking lot at the corner of 132nd Street and the Bothell-Everett Highway in Mill Creek at 9:30am. You can load up with your favorite beverages and snacks at Tully's or Safeway, before the obligatory drivers' meeting at 9:45 where you will receive your **Grab That Thing** drive package. We will depart at 10:00 a.m. and head towards Snohomish.

Skirting the town, and eschewing major roads and highways, we will immediately turn towards Lowell along the Snohomish River, then north along Puget Sound towards Warm Beach, and inland towards a pit stop near Arlington at 11:30. From there we will head south along the Stilla-

guamish River, then thru Granite Falls, and Monroe, before finally ending up in Snohomish around 1:00.

In Snohomish, you will begin the Grab by seeking out certain merchants, looking at all their nifty antiques, and per-

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Event Masters are encouraged to get their event info to the editor as soon as possible to ensure all members can plan for the event.

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haps buying some neat stuff. When you announce that you are from Puget Sound Miata Club, you will receive a **Thing to Grab**. You will have an hour in Snohomish. Later, at Tom Millar's house, prizes

will be awarded to the best grabbers and the best shoppers. From Snohomish it is a short zoom-zoom to the Millar's residence where the Toms will serve a late lunch.

You just have to show up for this great run, now, don't you?

"Aisle of Honor" Road Trip by D.P. Johnson, CDR USCG Ret. (Navigator in Dee Dahlke's '99 silver "Road Dancer")

Memorial Day, once a great holiday of remembrance, fell on hard times about forty years ago given the "anti" politics of that period. No longer did families go out to cemeteries and decorate graves with floral arrangements or rustic mixed pots or even plant a miniature flower garden in front of the stone. If they're gone, they're gone, and that was it. Except in the Armed Forces, where respect for those who went before ranks right up there with "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic..."

And so our Miatas gathered under somber skies (but tops down, as the sun did peek through!) at the Purdy Park-n-Ride for a back roads run to the Vaughn Bay Cemetery and the Aisle of Honor ceremony produced by the Key Peninsula Veterans. In addition to tour leaders Marti and Bob Mott, others in attendance included Bruce and Janet, Maury and Sandy, Tom and Cindy, A.J. and Vickie, Charlotte, Ralph & Linda, Kelly and Cindy, and your reporters. The run to the cemetery was only 11.1 miles, but they were excellent twisty miles, on roads that only the "locals" would find otherwise.

have done is to line the cemetery's roads with flagpoles, each bearing the big cas-ket flag awarded to some deceased veteran's family (the families donate their flags for the cause.) For Memorial Day ceremonies, the place is absolutely awash with those Stars & Stripes, occasionally interrupted by the Canadian maple leaf, the United Kingdom union jack, the Scottish royal standard, and the Belgian tri-color, all from Kitsap Peninsula families who are connected to those nations and have donated their veterans' flags. When the ceremony started 20 years ago they had 77 flags. Now the count is up to 313, as the Greatest Generation checks out and the current war collects its grim toll.



Event host Bob Mott records the scenery.



"I'm trying to get my Sunday paper but something keeps buzzing in my ear."

Vaughn Bay Cemetery is a rather rural place with a lovely water view through the trees, and our row of Miatas parked along the entry road brought in just the right touch of color. What the local veterans

You know you are at a military ceremony when the person doing the microphone check for the speaker system says, "Testing hut-two, testing eight-niner!" The honor guard posted the colors and the Navy band struck up the national anthem. No problem with this audience snapping to attention and veterans present rendering sharp salutes. Selected readers came forward and found their command voices and tolled the roster of the honored veterans' names and branches of service, with an occasional parenthetical note such as "Revolutionary War" or "Medal of Honor." Those would get you right here. Mother Nature pro-

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Upcoming Events — Something for Everyone!

(The year at a glance — check website or future Sounders for updates)

Items with question marks are still being decided

June

- 2 Shelton Parade
- 9 PSMC Board Meeting and Elections @ Milam Motors
- 16 Back Roads to Snohomish, Tom Millar, Tom Mackey
- 23 Port Orchard
- 29,30,1 Historics Racing

July

- 4 Kingston Parade
- 7 Summer Patio Party at Gores
- 11-12 Two Lanes to Oregon
- 13-15 Explore Oregon
- 21 Opel MG Car Show
- 28 Garage Sale Run
- 28 Silverdale Whaling Days Parade
- 29 China Town Evening Parade

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vided a fly-over of Bald Eagles, first one, then a pair of birds following, a reasonable replication of the Missing Man formation. Speeches were made, the bagpiper droned, the wreath was placed, the riflemen fired volleys, the bugler's "Taps" echoed down the hillside, and the colors were retired. Some would say it was just another ceremony. Others would ponder twenty years and three hundred and thirteen casket flags and consider that our great country might one day again find such men and women useful.

Miata engines buzzed to attention, clutches popped in unison and the formation moved out handsomely. Down a couple of country lanes, and then onto highway 302. Along here we heard the siren of an overtaking ambulance from the volunteer fire brigade, but we were motoring briskly so it took the Local Authorities a long time to catch us. PSMC touring training paid off, as individual cars in

August

- 4 The Miata Gathering @ Griots
- 10-12 Coastal Cruising to Oregon
- 18 Port Townsend Run (?)
- 25 Whidbey Island Run

September

- 2 South Bend Parade and Run
- 8 Kite Festival (?)
- 22 Autumn Rallye @ Coops by PSMC BOD
- 29 Leavenworth Parade

October

- 5-7 Mahogany, Merlot, and Miatas
- 5-8 Backroads to Bavaria (Club Miata NW)
- 27 Halloween Party (Tom and Marilyn)
- 31 Safe Trick-or-treat in Bremerton

November

- 3 PSMC Board Meeting @ Mitzels in Fife
- 10 Turkey Teaser Run
- 17 Food Collection and Publicity Run

December

- 1 Puyallup Christmas Lights

our group obediently pulled to the roadside, but then we all did a series of mini "LeMans Starts" and got back on the road with minimal interruption. Nicely executed, troops! Our leaders avoided the freeway and we snaked into Gig Harbor the VERY back way, even adding a Lotus Elise to our squadron for a couple of miles. The Motts' country home was welcoming with wonderful aromas wafting out the open door, great vats of chili available along with cornbread and side dishes, and plenty of fine beverages to wash it all down. Their powder room's paper towels are still well hidden, but it is worth the effort of a small search to find them, because then you get to activate the robotic trash can. (You had to be there.) Dis-MISSED! Fall OUT!

The Mercedes-Benz of Seattle

24th Annual Pacific Northwest Historics



What: Historic Races at Pacific Raceway

When: June 29—July 1

Event Coordinator: Mike Springer

Contact: (cell phone) 253-468-5291, springerphoto@wamail.net

The Society of Vintage Racing Enthusiasts (SOVREN) and the SOVREN Guild of Children's Hospital have announced the racing dates for the **24th Annual Pacific Northwest Historics** to be June 29th thru July 1st. The races will be held at Pacific Raceways, formerly Seattle International Raceway. All proceeds benefit uncompensated care at Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center in Seattle. Over the last 13 years, almost \$3.5 million dollars have been raised at the race.

Our club will be in the "car corral" on Saturday June 30th and Sunday July 1st, giving us the opportunity to show our cars to the general public and take a few parade laps around the race-course during the lunch break intermission. There will be lots to see and the pits are open to the public.

There will be no one featured marque this year; Instead, all British sports and racing cars are featured. Just confirmed is the featured driver Johnny Rutherford, three-time Indy 500 winner.

The "Pacific Northwest Historics" features many of the world's rarest and most beautiful pre-1970 race cars. This year, more than 250 vintage racecars

are expected to enter. Favorites include Ferraris, Lotuses, Cobras, Corvettes, Porsches, Austin Healeys and some less recognizable names like Elva, Ginetta, and McLaren. Most are in mint condition through extensive restoration and many attain speeds in excess of 150 miles per hour. Some of the cars are valued at over \$1 million and many have impressive racing histories. Competitors come from all over the West Coast and Canada. The wheel-to-wheel competition on the challenging 2 ¼-mile road course includes nine turns, 200-300 foot elevation drop and a near ¾-mile straight-away.

Gates open at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$30 per car and driver each day; passengers are also \$25 per day.

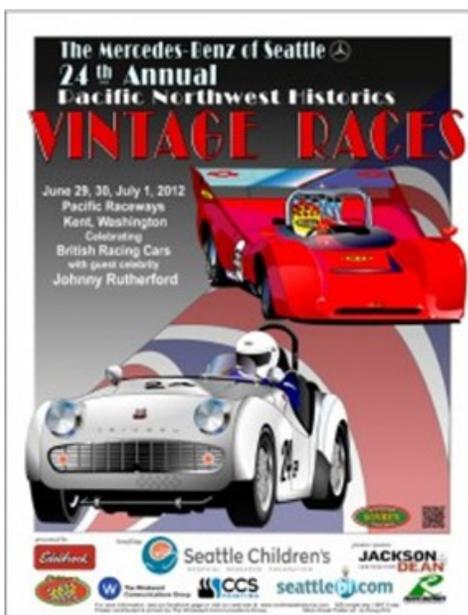
Passes for all three days are \$50 driver and car or passenger. Each club is limited to 20 cars per day; so the tickets will be on a first-come basis.

The deadline for ticket reservations will be June 1st. You will be sent the tickets in the mail before the event. When you arrive you will be directed at the gate to the area the club will be in.

To make reservations send a check and completed ticket order form (made

out to Mike Springer) for the total amount, and enclose a stamped self addressed envelope. If you have an email address send it as well so I can acknowledge the receipt of your payment. Give me a call or better send an email if you have questions. The email version of the Sounder has a PDF version of the form to print (double-click to open). If you do not have access to a printer call me and I'll send you one.

Click below to visit the SOVREN site.



Summer Patio Party!

When: July 7, 2 p.m. onward

Hosts: Tom and Lindanne Gores, 5702 43rd Ave, NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335

Contact: lindanne@comcast.net or call 253-851-5110

Come on over to Gig Harbor for an informal get-together. By this time, the weather should be nicer and it should be a good time to be outside. We will serve dinner items from the grill along

with sodas, water, wine, and other beverages. If you want diet soda, please bring it as we don't keep diet soda around. If you want to bring a bottle of your favorite wine to share, please do

so. Contact the hosts for additional items to bring. Please RSVP on the website.

Two Lanes to Oregon, Explore Oregon Road Trip!

When: Wed-Thur, July 11-12 + Fri-Sun July 13-15

Where: Centralia to Eugene OR, Ashland OR

Hosts: Dee Dahlke & Duncan Johnson, WVMC



Event Hosts Dee Dahlke & Duncan Johnson, phone 243-845-2424, e-mail ToadHallWA@yahoo.com

PSMC again is hosting our overnigher run to WVMC's "Explore Oregon" meet in Ashland, and we will get there by using the twistiest and most scenic secondary roads. PSMC drivers will recognize some of our favorite roads, but we'll be introducing new roads as well this year. This run travels at leisurely "cruising speed," not "cornering on the door handles," and we make frequent stops when curious.

Weds. July 11: Meet at the Chevron station off the SE corner of Exit 81 (Mellen St.) from I-5 in Centralia, Wash. and leave at 9:00 AM. [If you're mapping it, specific location is: Mellen Street Freeway Market, 1232 Mellen Street, Centralia, WA 98531, (360) 736-3112.] We'll take the 2-lane blacktop into Oregon and have lunch near Forest Grove.

Bring your CB radio.

We will stop for the night at Phoenix Inn Suites, 850 Franklin Blvd, Eugene, OR 97403, Tel: (541) 344-0001 Toll Free: (800) 344-0131, (Web: <http://www.phoenixinn.com/eugene/>)

www.phoenixinn.com/eugene/) A block of 8 rooms is reserved for us.

Phone the hotel directly -- don't use the web or a central booking service --- and make your reservations soonest; ask them for July 11 and the "Miata Club 2012" block. Six single king rooms are \$149; also two 2-queen rooms are available at same price, but they are handicap-accessible. The room block expires 30 days in advance (June 11th.) You may cancel without penalty up to 4:00 PM the day before arrival.

Thurs. July 12: After the hotel's continental breakfast we'll get out of town and find the back roads, and maybe some covered bridges, arriving in Ashland for the first evening's opening ceremonies of Explore Oregon. We may have to include a section of freeway this day to avoid some very long route-arounds.

Please RSVP on our PSMC web site calendar so we know who's coming! (Your hosts are not available for consultation April 16 through May 3 inclusive, due to other business.)

Note well: You must register separately with WVMC for the Explore Oregon meet.

See <http://www.oregonmx5.com/> If you haven't done so already, you are late, especially for hotel rooms there.

(Following information copied from the Explore Oregon web site so you have both hotel contacts in one place. See the web site for actual event registration. -ed)

To reserve your guestroom call the Best Western Windsor Inn 800-334-2330 and identify yourself as a member of the Explore Oregon Event. Reservations must be guaranteed by a Master Account, credit card, or advance deposit received 30 days prior to arrival. Reservations received after the cut-off date will be provided on a space available basis at prevailing rates.

Best Western Windsor Inn
2520 Ashland St
Ashland, Oregon
Toll Free: 800-334-2330
Local: 541-488-2330

Dates: July 12-15, 2012



Miata Garage Sale Meander!

Host: Vickie Olson (vickieo456@yahoo.com)

When: Saturday July 28th, 10:00 a.m.

Where: Cedar River Boat House in Renton

Mark Saturday, July 28, on your calendar, for the upcoming, first ever Miata Meander/ G-Sale Fun Run. The route will take us from the Cedar River Boat-house in Renton along some scenic country back roads over Cougar Mountain, to the Issaquah Plateau and Fall City as we scout out garage sales along the way. The run, being held in optimum garage sale season should have plenty of opportunities for browsing. If there's an item that catches your eye and is haul-able in a Miata,

then the decision is yours. Buying is optional..

July is a great time to be looking for that perfect costume for Halloween. You never know what treasure might pop up. As you may be aware if you've ever watched "Antiques Road Show," the ugly vase you just bought could turn out to be from the Ming dynasty and worth thousands of dollars! It's a perfect chance to find a treasure be to stashed for next year's Mother's Day, Valentine's Day, birthday, or gag

gift!

After the run we'll meander our way to the Olson backyard for some socializing and barbeque. Barbecued meat will be provided by the Olsons. Participants will be invited to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert of their choice. Prizes will be awarded for various categories. The only rule is: Have fun!



Past Events

2012 Detailing Day

Detailin' Day goes off without a drop of rain

A light turnout, but lots of fun, greeted the PSMC as they gathered at Lee Johnson Mazda in Kirkland for the annual Detailin' Day. This year's event was held outside but the day provided cool weather and no rain, so it was perfect for polishing and buffing cars.



Four cars in the buffing slots being worked on by buffing volunteers

In all, around 25 cars got buffed and shined, and many more people were around to enjoy the free time to visit and eat. Nearly everyone who came walked away with one of the fabulous door prizes. Thanks to Mindy Bohnas, who spent many hours assembling the cool prizes, which included many products from Meguiar's. Thanks to Lee Johnson Mazda not only for providing a wonderful location for the car shine-up, but also for donating nine free car washes at their facility and for donating the grand prize of a total detailing package, valued at \$270. Board member Vickie Olsen won this prize, which was great for her since she didn't drive her Miata to the activity that day. Also, thanks goes to Tom Mackey, who took care of labeling the trophies for the



Show N Shine winners, Mindy, who created the labels, and especially Lee Johnson, who graciously donated the trophies.

Thanks to our steadfast buffers, who can always be counted on to do a great job, regardless of how hopeless the car looks when it pulls in. Allan Ohlsen, Joe Peretti, Ron Haworth, and Vickie Olsen were the primaries on the buffing machines with help occasionally from Mike Springer.



A J McGranaghan did a fine job on the power washing of the "under-the-hood" stuff. And several members stepped up to provide homemade chili, brownies, and gluten-free cookies for lunch. These included Vickie Olsen, Mindy Bohnas, Vicki McGranaghan, and Charlotte Fellers.



AJ posing while cleaning Tom Millars engine

The "Dent Guy" made an appearance and proceeded to work his usual magic on door dings and other minor dents; this year his daughter helped out in spotting the dents and giving her approval once the metal was nice and smooth again.



The Dent Guy - John Nies hard at work making those dents disappear!

Once all the cars were clean and sparkling, we all had time to walk around and vote on our favorite car from each of the three generations of Miatas. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners are listed in the table on page eight, with pictures of the three first place winners.



Clean cars, fine folks, enticing eats, and wonderful weather— dandy day!



New member Angelica Holloway picking out a door prize. (she joined on Detailing Day with husband Larry & they are friends of Brett Anderson who is also a new member from just a month ago)

Other Car Clubs' Events and Shared Events



7th Annual Fenders on Front Street Car Show and Cruise

The Downtown Issaquah Association proudly presents the 7th Annual **Fenders on Front Street Car Show and Cruise** this Father's Day, Sunday, June 17, 2012. This FREE show is presented this year by **Rowley Properties** and runs from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

This Vintage Car Show is in partnership with the Greenway Days Festival weekend. Up to 4,000 visitors stroll down Front Street to admire hundreds of vintage and classic cars. It will be a fun filled Father's Day event with participants coming from across the state to show their classic cars. There will be live music, family activities, a trophy and award ceremony with MC Lance Lambert and an afternoon cruise to Triple XXX.



Fenders will be sponsoring LEO (Life Enrichment Options) and Art with Heart. LEO works to support individuals with developmental disabilities to achieve their life style goals through supportive housing, recreation and employment opportunities and community education. Art with Heart helps kids through the healing power of creativity dealing with the stress and strain of hardship such as the diagnosis of cancer.

Check the [Schedule](#) page for event details and [Register Online](#) to include your vehicle in the car show.

Other Car Clubs' Events and Shared Events



Join us for Friday Night Cruise-Ins from 6-9pm at Griot's Car Care in Tacoma! Auto enthusiast and long-time friend of the company,

Walt Kaplin, is going to bring back that nostalgic feeling all over again! Enjoy 50's and 60's music, classic automotive movies inside the Indy Café and other activities and recognitions throughout the cruising season. Bring the kids and grandkids and help keep the passion for cars and cruising alive in Tacoma! Friday Night Cruise-Ins are open to all years, makes, and models,

and you do not have to belong to a specific car club. The events are FREE for all, so come out and have some fun!

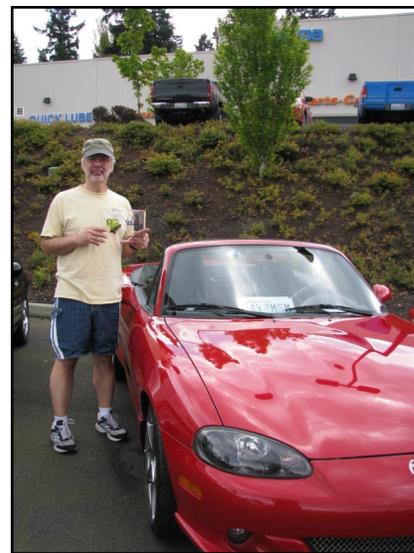
The first edition of the Cruise-In was a smashing success, with great cars filling up the show lawn and parking lot. Most everything was represented, from muscle cars, to traditional hot rods and customs, to modern sports cars. It's safe to say a great time was had by all!

More event info is available here on the [Griot's Garage website](#).



Detailing Day People's Choice Winners

1st Gen (NA)	1989 - 1997
First	Brett Anderson
Second	Frank Shriver
Third	John Boespflug
2nd Gen (NB)	1999 - 2005
First	Joe Beretti
Second	Bruce Haskin
Third	Steve Holmes
3rd Gen (NC)	2006 - 2012
First	Tom Mackey
Second	Brad Gibbs
Third	Rex Seigmeth



Miata Generations Comparison, Courtesy [Sea to Sky Miata Club](#)

NA	NB	NC
		
Production: 1989½-1997 Engine: 1.6 L B6P I4 1.8 L BP I4 Wheelbase: 2265 mm (89.2 in) Length: 3970 mm (156.3 in) Width: 1675 mm (65.9 in) Height: 1235 mm (48.6 in) Curb weight: 940 kg (2070 lb)	Production: 1998½-2005 Engine: 1.8 L BP-4W I4 1.8 L BP-Z3 I4 1.8 L BPT I4 (Mazdaspeed) Wheelbase: 2265 mm (89.2 in) Length: 3955 mm (155.7 in) Width: 1680 mm (66.1 in) Height: 1235 mm (48.6 in) Curb weight: 1000 kg (2200 lb)	Production: 2006 Engine: 2.0 L MZR I4 Wheelbase: 2330 mm (91.7 in) Length: 3995 mm (157.3 in) Width: 1720 mm (67.7 in) Height: 1245 mm (49.0 in) Curb weight: 1095 kg (2414 lb)

Coastal Cruisin' When: August 10-12

Hosts: AJ & Vickie McGranaghan and Charlotte Fellers

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We'd like to invite you to join us on a road trip that will take us along the Columbia River to the coast of Oregon to see some of the sights and scenery along some well-traveled as well as undiscovered, roads.

While this drive is still under construction, we plan to leave from Centralia after an optional breakfast at the Country Kitchen Restaurant mid-morning on August 10 and take some interesting roads through Elsie, Oregon via Pacific Coast Highway 101, stopping by the Tillamook Cheese factory for a tour and some free samples of their fine cheeses and ice cream. We will head into Lincoln City, Oregon for our first

overnight stay.

On Day Two, we plan to head through some wine country and possibly hit a few wineries in the area around Corvallis, with a stop in Newport for food before heading north to Silverton for our second night's stay at the beautiful Oregon Gardens Resort. This has become a favorite hotel where many of us have stayed before when we participated in the Explore Oregon run with the Willamette Valley Miata Club. We'll have plenty of time to tour the Oregon Gardens (tickets included with your hotel reservation) and also to perhaps have a get-together to sample some wines we may have purchased that

day. The Oregon Gardens Hotel has a restaurant and lounge area, but there are several restaurants in Silverton and nearby in Salem that also could offer some different food choices.

Day Three (Sunday) will be on your own, with an optional self-guided trip out to nearby Silver Falls State Park, where you can spend a few minutes or the whole day hiking and touring the many waterfalls in this state park before heading home.

As we firm up details of this trip, we will be sharing them on the website and in the newsletter, so stay tuned.

Miata, Mahogany & Merlot Tour (UPDATED)

Where: Monroe (10:30 a.m. start) to Chelan, Washington

When: October 5, 6, 7 Hosts: Jaeger/Ohlsen

Wine lovers! Gearheads! Nostalgics! Do you like vintage wooden boats, vintage unlimited hydroplanes, and Chelan area wines? How about staying at a premium Chelan waterfront resort for a bargain price of \$110-\$138 per night? This is the PSMC event for you.



Join us for a fun three-day weekend tour as we venture off to Lake Chelan for the Mahogany & Merlot festival held in Chelan. We will be staying at Campbell's Waterfront Resort, walking distance to the festival. The festival features wine of course, but also many vintage wooden pleasure craft on display, some offering rides. The big attraction though are the hydroplanes from the Unlimited Hydroplane Museum. Remember Miss Bardahl, Thrift-



way, Oh Boy! O'Berto, Hawaii Kai? Experience the roar of these piston-engine boats as they run around the lake course. We are also planning a wine tour of the many wineries in the area.

UPDATE: Friday meeting time is 10 a.m. at the Chevron station, east end of Monroe on Hwy 2. We will depart at 10:30. Please bring your own lunch that we will be enjoying at Tunnel Hill Winery, our first stop in Chelan. A country store is located next door for your needs of fresh fruit and cheese, etc.

If you enjoy wood-fired BBQ featuring baby-back ribs, wild salmon, grilled prawns or smoked chicken, we have scored a 5:00 p.m. reserva-

tion for Saturday at "BBQ in the Vineyard" at Lake Chelan Winery. The owner has even offered to let us park/display our Miatas on the grass while we are there.

Sunday, we make our way back west, but if you have not enough fun, we will be stopping in Leavenworth taking in a little Oktoberfest with a brat & beer. As a bonus, there is a possibility our club will be part of the festival where we can display our Miatas as a club.

Sound like fun? RSVP for the event then call Campbell's Resort 800-553-8225 or 509-682-2177 to reserve your room for Oct. 5th and 6th. Mention "Mahogany & Merlot" (group number 230749) to get the discount. Don't wait. Campbell's has several rooms blocked for this event, but is offered to all festival participants (not just us) so it will fill up soon. Questions, please contact Paul Jaeger or Allan Ohlsen.



President's Message June 2012

By Charlotte Fellers



I have a little story to tell you all this month. It all started about a year ago when my Mom, Vera, and I went on the run to Mt. Baker. I think that's when it happened anyway. My friends (who I also call the twins since they have matching cars and sometimes they even dress alike. A few times, they actually looked like twins!) Tom Millar and Paul Jaeger, were on that run and neither of them had anyone riding with them that day. Somehow, Mom got an invitation to split her riding time between the twins, so in the process, she realized that their cars were a lot more comfortable for riding than my Miata. Well, they should be since they are about 11 years newer than mine.

Anyway, on the way home that day, Mom kept saying how comfortable those other cars were compared to my 1990 Miata. And wouldn't it be great if I had a newer car? I had kicked around the idea of upgrading to a newer Miata for a long time, but truly, I didn't want to fool with selling mine and shopping for a newer car. So, I just agreed with Mom, that yes, Tom and Paul had much nicer cars than mine but that's just the way it goes.

Fast forward to this spring, when I got to thinking about upgrading to a newer Miata. This brought about the decision to sell the 1990 white Miata that I've had for more than 10 years. Within a week, I had it sold to a very eager buyer in Buckley. He's only 18 but he is going to college to study auto body repair next year and he thought my car could use some new paint (I agreed). He brought me home and I didn't even cry when he drove away in my car.

The point is, the next time we do a Miata drive, I probably will be driving my other car, which is a Chevy (I know, what a traitor!). I am in the market for

a newer Miata, but frankly, I've enjoyed parking the Chevy in the garage for a change.

Speaking of drives, I drove the Chevy to the annual Detailin' Day at Lee Johnson's Mazda and they didn't even run me off the property! Instead, since we had a light turnout for the event, I got to wash my car and have it buffed. What a treat! I want to send out a big thank you to all the board members and their spouses who helped make this event a success. Nothing happens unless everyone pitches in. We had some great door prizes that Mindy Bohnas put together, including nine free car washes donated by Lee Johnson's and a \$270-value total detailing package they also donated. Best of all, we didn't have any rain, though it was a little cool.

June is going to bring some fun activities as we kick off summer. Check the website to see if anyone is planning to attend the Shelton parade June 2, which is a good one to attend because you get a free breakfast if you are in the parade. Another important meeting in June is the election of new board members for another year. This will be at Milam Motors on June 9 at 11 a.m. with a potluck lunch. Bring good food to share and some containers to bring home leftovers if you like. Then, we'll have an interesting run on June 16 on the Back Roads to Snohomish, followed by dinner at the home of the Millars.

Sometime in June, I am sure some of you will be attending at least one graduation ceremony or one wedding. Add to that the dance recitals, end-of-school year awards ceremonies and school concerts, and you'll have a busy month ahead.

Hope to see you at an event soon!

A note on Fenders on Front Street, Griot's Friday Crusin'

These two events were forwarded to me, and in each case, I thought that there was sufficient interest in the club to warrant their inclusion. While not Miata-specific, both purport to include all makes and models of cars, and seem to encourage attendance by other members of other car clubs. In addition, I know that some of you are also in to classic and custom cars, not just Miatas, and therefore might be interested.

It would be pretty cool for PSMC to start to have a presence in other portions of the Puget Sound automotive culture. I would welcome the opportunity to publish additional events, especially if you are involved in some way. Just send any info about them to me, tom.mackey@gmail.com, and I'll get the notices into the Sounder.

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I got to spend a delightful day this past month, doing the pre-run with Tom Millar for our "Back Roads to Snohomish" run. We planned the run the old-fashioned way, with a paper map and high-lighters, and then hit the road in Tom's BRG Miata. He drove and I navigated, juggling map, watch, and notepad while Tom read off the mileage at major intersections. The snow-covered mountains framed Snohomish County and Spring lay upon the land giving forth from blooming flowers that sweet perfume. We plotted a course through town and country, noted the best lanes to be in and places to pull over if we needed to gather our flock. We introduced each other to roads not previously travelled and generally had a great time. It's the secret pleasure that drive leaders have — doing a run twice, and in my case, a third time.

I was looking for a particular mid-way stop and thought it to be on a particular road, but I was wrong so we chose a substitute. The next weekend Marilyn and I went looking for the preferred stop and after some wandering about on more Snohomish County back roads, we found it. A brief inquiry satisfied us that they could handle the crowd and so a small modification will need to be made to the original plan, and Marilyn and I will get to do another pre-run to note the new mileage and times. We're hoping the weather will be as nice as it was the first time!

This issue marks a full year as your Sounder editor. I am curious as to your thoughts on the quality and utility of the content and layout. It bothers me sometimes when I re-use an article that describes an upcoming run, but on the other hand, re-writing something just for the sake of making it different isn't the best use of time. The Sounder, in my mind, serves as a companion piece to the club web site. Sometimes material gets used in both places. Other times I will get more detail for a run than was sent to the web site.

I find that getting links for places or patrons sometimes leads to additional content, and this makes the process of assembling the newsletter both enjoyable and time consuming. I have yet to put out an issue truly on time, and for that I apologize.

Just a reminder to attend the Board meeting and elections this month. If you are a new member, please consider attending to meet the club officers. If you have an idea for a run, bring it in and someone will help make it a reality for you and the club. It's not that hard, and I'll bet you find the planning phase both enjoyable and a good excuse to take your Miata out for a little romp.

'Till next month, may you smell more bodacious flowers than bovine flatulence, yet appreciate both! -T

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If you would like to contribute an article or you took photos of an event you'd like to share, remember these guidelines:

- Send 3-5 of your best photos, not 20-30.
- Send us your j-pegs since we need to Photoshop them anyway.
- When sending news items, use one space at the end of sentences, not two. It saves space in the publication.
- Send all written materials in Arial and as attachments.
- The deadline is the 15 each month. Please observe it!

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