Miata Sounder

THE FIRST OFFICIAL UNITED STATES MIATA CLUB

June 2013

2013 Election and Board Meeting

Saturday, June 8th, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

Hosted by: Charlotte Fellers and PSMC President

When the PSMC meets on June 8 to elect new officers and board members, they also will be hoping for a volunteer to step up to continue publishing the Sounder after next month. Tom Mackey, who has served as the Sounder editor the past two + years, has resigned due to other commitments.

The job would be ideal for someone who has a part-time job or is semi-retired and has a little extra time to commit to the task. The club is gracious about purchasing required software to make the Sounder the publication it has become. We have been using Office Publisher for the Sounder of late.

If you are creative, a good writer, have an affinity for desktop publishing and you enjoy learning new software and techniques, then you would most likely enjoy the job. It's one of the key positions in the club and requires a consistent commitment on the part of the editor. Sometimes, you may have to remind people to get their news in so it can be spread to others. But it's not that big of a deal. And, Tom will train anyone who wants to take over the position.

Many of our current board have offered to step up for one more year. They include Tom Mackey, Tom Millar, Frank Shriver, Mike Springer, and Vickie Olson. Charlotte Fellers will serve as past president and Bill Bell, who served as a member-at-large this year, has volunteered his services as our new president. We have two members who have agreed to serve on our board for the first time. They are Ross Scott and Dee Skinner.

This month's meeting features not only the election of new officers and board members, but also a discussion of updates to the consitution and the by-laws to bring them in line with our current practices. If you wish to have input into either of these discussions, please plan to attend the meeting. Activities start at 11:00 for a pot-luck lunch with the board meeting to follow. Hopefully, it will be a nice day and we can eat on the deck. **Directions to Charlotte's House:** Take I-5 to Hwy 18 and head east on Hwy 18. Take the Auburn/Black Diamond exit and head back toward Auburn. Stay on this road until you get ot 4th St NE. You'll know it because there's a slight turn to the right on R Street that is 4th St NE. The house number is 1800 and is about 7 houses down on the right.

Detailing Day another Success

By Tom Mackey

The Puget Sound Miata Club would like to give Lee Johnson's of Kirkland a special thanks for their help in making the 2013 Detailing Day a success. Beside the free use of their carwash and tents, they also provided trophies, soft drinks, and hot dogs. Even more than that, Tracie, executive personal assistant, took time out from her busy schedule to set up tables, cook the hot dogs, and make sure we had everything we needed. Thanks, Tracie!

Griots provided lots of their great products for use, and as prizes, and we thank them very much for that. Once all the cars were washed and detailed, ballots were cast and the following is a list of the winners. Congratulations all of you!

	Generation 1	Generation 2	Generation 3
1st	Bret Anderson	Vickie Olson	Tom Mackey
2nd	John Boespflug	Steve Paris	Ray Miller (New Membr)
3rd	Ross Scott	Tom Millar	N/A

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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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Miata Meander / Garage Sale Fun Run

Saturday July 27th

Hosted by Vickie & David Olson

Mark Saturday, July 27th, on your calendar, for the upcoming, second ever Miata Meander/ G-Sale Fun Run. The route will take us from the Cedar River Boathouse in Renton along some scenic 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 offer plenty of opportunities for browsing. Buying is optional. Enjoying the ride is mandatory.

As you may be aware if you've ever watched "Antiques Road Show," the ugly vase you just bought could turn out to from the Byzantine era 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. 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!

Anniversary Party provides a trip down memory lane

By Charlotte Fellers

The Fabulous Fifties Meeting Hall provided a great stopping place for the PSMC's 23rd Anniversary Party March 3. This venue featured a showroom of classic restored cars from the 1950's 1960's and 1970's, great music from those decades, and delicious food.

If you missed it, you missed out on seeing about 55 of your PSMC friends who made the trip to Tacoma to enjoy the evening. Many of the folks in attendance are not necessarily at many events of the club. Some were charter members of PSMC, who were recognized, and others were past presidents and board members who are busy with new projects but took time out to attend. It was a reunion of sorts for many of us.

You missed seeing two beautiful Miatas, provided by Bruce Haskins and Carol Kus and Frank Shriver, which were parked on the showroom floor. Finally, you missed a prime rib dinner or a salmon dinner with garlic mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, green salad, and a cookie bar for dessert. The first round of the beverage of your choice was provided and coffee came with the dessert. Dancing ended the evening, and most who attended took a few minutes to check out the vast collection of memorabilia housed in the venue, which was once a Buick dealership located in the heart of Old Town Tacoma.

Members who hosted events in 2012 were recognized with certificates provided by Mike Springer and distributed by President Charlotte Fellers. A vast array of exciting raffle prizes, selected and displayed courtesy of Mindy Bohnas, provided a fair amount of entertainment. A scramble for raffle tickets ensued shortly after the doors opened and awarding of the prizes ended the evening's program on a high note.

None of this would have been possible without the tireless efforts of Kevin Gilbert, our "party planner extraordinaire" and current board member. Not only did Kevin embrace the task but made several trips to Fabulous Fifties to work with the venue operator and take care of tiny details, but he also took care that deposits for food and beverages were delivered in a timely manner. Without Kevin, we all feel sure this event would not have happened. Thanks Kevin!

Many great pictures on the club web site –ed

Upcoming Events — Something for Everyone!

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

	June
8	PSMC BOD and Officer Installation Meeting @ Charlotte Fellers home in Kent, 11:00 a.m.
9	2013 Convertibles Only Cruise-In @ <Check Website>, 9:00 a.m.
20	"Special!" 3rd Thursday Cruise-In Social @ Billy Baroo's Bar and Grill in Tukwila, 6:00 p.m.
	July
4	Kingston July 4th Parade @ Kingston, 10:30 a.m.
5-6-7	Historic Races @ Pacific Raceways, 8:30 a.m.
11	Two Lanes to Oregon @ Fred Meyers in Puyallup, 8:00 a.m. (this gets you to Explore Oregon see below)
11-14	Willamette Valley Miata Club Explore Oregon @ Columbia Gorge area
20	Poker Run sponsored by Puyallup Lions Club
27	Opel Club show @ Kelly's Kafe in Spanaway
27	2013 Garage Sale Run @ Renton <Check Website>, 1:00 p.m.
	August
17	Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas @ Griots in Kent,, 10:00 a.m.
24	Whidbey Island Run @ Clinton Ferry Dock, 10:00 a.m.
31	LeMay Car Show and Auction & Swap Meet, 9:00 a.m.

	September
1	South Bend Road Run & Parade, 8:00 a.m.
7	Bigfoot Fun Run, near Eatonville, details TBD, see web-
14-15	Olympic Peninsula Lite, @ Shelton, 10:00 a.m., details TBD, See Website
19	3rd Thursday Cruise-In Social @ Billy Baroo's Bar and Grill in Tukwila, 6:00 p.m.
28	Leavenworth Parade, details TBD
	October
4-6	Mahogany, Merlot, and Miatas II @ Campbells' Resort in Chelan, 10:00 a.m., details TBD
5	Apple Press Festival in Steilacoom, 8:00 a.m.
12	Corn Maze Run, place and time details TBD, see website
17	3rd Thursday Cruise-In Social @ Billy Baroo's Bar and Grill in Tukwila, 5:30 p.m.
26	Halloween Festival @ Mackey's, details TBD
	November
2	PSMC Board Meeting @ Mitzels in Fife, 11:00 a.m.
21	3rd Thursday Cruise-In Social @ Billy Baroo's Bar and Grill in Tukwila, 5:30 p.m.
23	Turkey Teaser Run, 10:00 a.m. Details TBD
	December
7	Come & Go Christmas Open House, details TBD, 2:00 p.m.

On the importance of the printed word

A club's newsletter is more than just a way to get information out to the members. It also allows members whose lives take them away from the club for a period of time to remain connected. A newsletter also provides a history of the club—a record of how it evolved over time. A newsletter, whether printed and delivered, or made into a computer file and delivered via email to be printed at home, is portable in a way that social media is not. It can be scribbled on, folded and stuffed in a pocket, or used to start an emergency fire. A newsletter is a "push" to the reader; social media requires the reader to remember, then "pull". Will you remember?

Printed media endures. I have boxes of past newsletters to prove it. Social media can disappear instantly.

I regret that I no longer have the time to edit and produce a newsletter. The club will regret not having a newsletter. I sincerely hope someone will step forward. I will provide training to the person who does so. -ed

Note: Check PSMC website for latest details
http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org/main_page.php

Historic Races at Pacific Raceway
July 5 - July 7
Event Coordinator: Mike Springer

The Society of Vintage Racing Enthusiasts (SOVREN) and the SOVREN Guild of Children's Hospital, has announced the racing dates Annual Pacific Northwest Historics July 5 thru July 7th. To be held at Pacific Raceways, formerly Seattle International Raceway. All proceeds benefit uncompensated care at Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center in Seattle.

Our club will be in the “car corral” on Saturday the July 6 and Sunday July 7 the giving us the opportunity to show our cars to the general public and take a few parade laps around the racecourse during the lunch break intermission. There will be lots to see and the pits are open to the public.

This year's event will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Pacific Northwest Historics and the 40th anniversary of the Porsche 911. The guest celebrity will be Brian Redman. As in past years, the net proceeds from the event go to the uncompensated care fund at Children's Hospital in Seattle.

For this race, 100's of meticulously restored and maintained one-of-a-kind racecars are brought in from around the world and then driven as intended. Although vintage racing is not “real” competition in the sense that the cars are not driven to their limits 100% of the time, scoring is based on laps completed rather than order of finish, and the safety of the cars and drivers is the foremost concern, the drivers are still interested in turning in the best possible lap times. Be prepared for some real racing as conditions allow. Without the pressure to have the fastest possible car, the drivers and pit crews are willing (often eager) to display and talk to others about the cars. The pits are open to spectators all three days. The newest racecars are over 40 years old and historically experience about 10% attrition per day (some cars entered in the race never complete a lap of competition), so Friday provides the best opportunity to see all of the cars in action in a much less crowded environment. Races are scheduled for all three days and there should be some great vendor and featured car displays.

Gates open at 8:30 am. 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 and $40 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 me 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 will have a PDF version of the form to print. If you do not have access to a printer call me and I’ll send you one.

Event coordinator:
Mike Springer
2214 South Melrose Street
Tacoma, WA 98405

Historic Races at Pacific Raceway (Cont.)
July 5 - July 7
Entry Form

25th ANNUAL PACIFIC NORTHWEST HISTORICS CAR CORRAL

July 5 – July 7, 2013

- CAR CLUB REGISTRATION LIMITED TO 20 CARS PER DAY
- DEADLINE: JUNE 10, OR EARLIER IF 250 CAR MAXIMUM IS REACHED
- **PLEASE RETURN ONLY ONE FORM PER CLUB**

CLUB NAME: _____

ATTENTION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____

PHONE:_____ E-MAIL:_____

CAR CORRAL PASSES (CAR AND DRIVER ONLY)

FRIDAY ONLY:	_____@ $30.00:	_____
SATURDAY ONLY:	_____@ $30.00:	_____
SUNDAY ONLY:	_____@ $30.00:	_____
WEEKEND PASS (3 days, one car / driver):	_____@ $50.00:	_____

GENERAL ADMISSION TICKETS (PASSENGERS)

1 - DAY PASSES

CHILDREN 7-16:	_____@ $5.00:	_____
ADULT:	_____@ $25.00:	_____
ADULT WEEKEND PASS (3 days):	_____@ $40.00:	_____

CLUB INFORMATION BOOTH SPACE (10' X 10' AREA)

ONE DAY (Please Specify Day)	$20.00:	_____
WEEKEND	$35.00:	_____
	TOTAL ENCLOSED:	_____

Please make checks payable to SOVREN GUILD and mail to:

Bill Hardrath
PNWH Car Corral Coordinator
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Des Moines, WA 98198
(206) 420-9996 (Cell)
(206) 418-9135 (Work)
bhardrath@msncom

Tom
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Reminder: Send check and Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope to Mike Springer -- see previous page.
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Road Tour to "Come And Play On Labor Day" Parade

Sunday September 1, 2013

Hosts: Dee Dahlke & Duncan Johnson, 253-845-2424 or e-mail ToadHallWa@yahoo.com

"Get your kicks on Route 6." Once again PSMC will have our annual breakfast and back roads tour to the "Come And Play on Labor Day" parade at South Bend, Washington. The parade officials report: "The Grand Parade is on Sunday, September 1st and the theme this year is "Beach Balls and BBQ". We have had some very successful celebrations in the past and each year we try to hold a bigger & better celebration. Some of the popular events returning again this year, besides the much loved Grand Parade, will include kid's day activities, kayaking on the river, a 10K run, a baseball tournament, oyster opening and eating contests, a pancake breakfast, food & crafts vendors, live music, duck races, a fishing derby, the ever popular fireworks and much more. Last year the mini hydroplanes returned to the river and they will be back again this year. The Grand Parade and the fireworks display on Sunday are our two main events so we hope you will join us to make this parade a spectacular attraction. As always, we anticipate a large crowd for these events."

PSMC Dawn Patrol: Meet for breakfast at 8:00 AM at Little Red Barn, 6222 197th Ave SW, Rochester, WA , Phone (360) 273-5439. This is just off I-5 exit 88 for US 12 *westbound* toward Rochester and Elma. Get off the freeway, go west on US 12, turn right at the first signal after the interchange (Elderberry St.) and you'll see the Red Barn in there.

Leave on the road tour to South Bend promptly at 9:15 AM for a cruise of about 81.3 miles of excellent twisting two lane blacktop, assembled from favorite roads, previous runs and even part of a past road rally. Yes, there will be rest stops! We'll arrive in South Bend around noon to stage; the parade starts 1:00 PM. If you and your sports car will be at the ocean beaches for the weekend, feel free to meet the rest of your club in the parade staging area.

Bring the usual: CB radio, supplies for rustic rest rooms, your Miata's parade decor, and ear protection in case we get staged in front of a fire department and their screaming sirens. After the parade we'll go for lunch at a local establishment.

Host Navigator's cell phone 253-327-4368 if you need to contact us at breakfast or the parade. That's for day of event only; it's not turned on at home.

Please RSVP on the club web calendar so we can tell the South Bend parade folks how many cars to expect.

Olympic Peninsula (Lite)

Saturday & Sunday, September 14th & 15th, 2013

Host: Tom Millar

For those who remember the original Olympic Peninsula Tour, you remember the beautiful, picturesque, and long, drive that we used to take around the Olympic Peninsula to Pacific Beach. However, on Saturday, September 14th, we will embark on a wonderful road tour that will lead us from Shelton, through the backwoods of Mason and Grays Harbor counties to our final destination of Pacific Beach. The plan is to meet mid-morning and take a leisurely, but direct ride to our destination. Once at Pacific Beach you will have the opportunity to participate in the annual Pacific Beach Kite Festival! This wonderful event features a kaleidoscope of color and kite design which is a sight to behold. You can even purchase your own kite at the kite shop in Pacific Beach and participate in the fun! After a day on the beach and all the joy that includes typically pristine September weather, we will sit back, sip some wines and slip into some easy times. Following dinner which is on your own at the Navy restaurant, we will assemble at one of the houses we have rented for some after-action reports on our experiences. Our ride will begin at the Little Creek Casino in Shelton with a short drivers meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. Lodging will be at the Pacific Beach Resort & Conference Center. As of now we have 6 rooms blocked for this event, with 3 more hopefully coming our way.

Their website is: **http://www.navylifepnw.com/Portals/_Rainbow/images/Regional/PacBeach/PacBeach_Brochure.pdf.**

The rooms go for between $55-$75 per night (no tax). You will need to reserve and pay for your room using either a Visa or MasterCard. Your card will be charged at the time of booking, but you have until two prior to the event to cancel if you need to with no charge. The direct phone number for Pacific Beach Resort & Conference Center is: (360)276-4414. When you call, you need to reference the Puget Sound Miata club. The early bird gets the worm on this one…book early! By the way, on Sunday we will max our check out time and maybe catch a winery on the way back to civilization.

Other Club's Events — early news

Explore Oregon 2013 scheduled for July in Colombia Gorge

We have finally completed all of the ground work for Explore Oregon 2013 -Columbia Gorge. There were some difficult moments securing locations for both the Welcome Reception and Saturday Banquet, but we have a location that is going to bend over backwards to make this an incredible weekend. Now that we have all the hard work completed the registration can begin, attached you will find the registration form and brief summary of what to expect in the Columbia Gorge. Registration can be completed in one of two ways this year, you can simply print the registration form and send it and your payment to the address on the form or you can do it all electronically using the on-line form and PayPal to submit your payment.

Please continue to watch the website for more info as the event gets closer, we are still figuring out wheres, whos and whats for the weekend, but I assure you it will be memorable!

See you in July!

Chris McCarty, President
Willamette Valley Miata Club

Guess who has a brand new garage??!!??

Answer somewhere on last page :-)

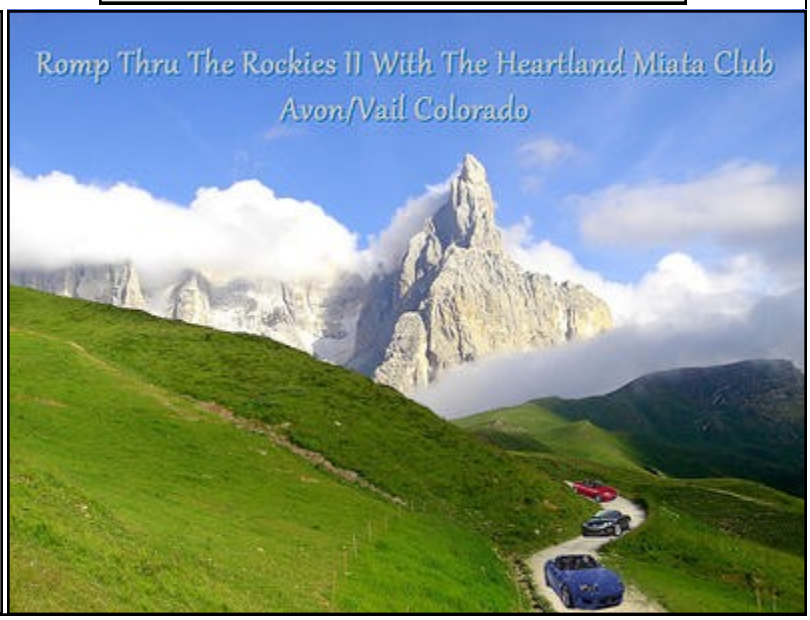
Heartland Miata Club

NOW TAKING RESERVATIONS FOR "ROMP THROUGH THE ROCKIES II" AUGUST 1-4, 2013 !!!

Welcome! Once again, The Heartland Miata Club of Greater Kansas City is hosting "Romp Thru The Rockies II" Event. Yes, this is our second time.

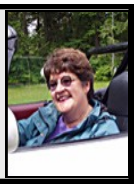
This event will be held in Avon, Colorado which is approximately 8 miles from Vail, Colorado. Arrangements have been made @ The Comfort Inn Vail/Beaver Creek, Colorado. They are really excited about hosting our Miata Event.

Visit club website: **http://www.heartlandmiata.com/**



President's Message March & June 2013

By Charlotte Fellers



March: I made a quick trip to Colorado with my mom the week of March 25. My brother, Jay, who lives in Glenwood Springs, turned 60 on March 27 and some of his friends hosted a surprise birthday party for him. Needless to say, he was rendered speechless when mom and I showed up at his door on his birthday! He was here for my 50th birthday party, also a surprise, so I figured I needed to pay him back for that. We had a great time reconnecting with old friends in the area as mom used to live near Glenwood Springs. I visited with many people I knew as well and while it was short trip, it was a nice break from the day-to-day monotony.

Have you made it to one of our monthly "cruise in" events yet? These are casual "drop in" events where you can just show up at Billy Baroo's Pub and Restaurant at the Foster Links Golf Course in Tukwila for an evening with fellow car enthusiasts. This is a PSMC-sponsored event but is open to any and all drivers from any club in the area. Hosted by Dee Dalhke and Duncan Johnson, the evening kicks off at 6 p.m. every Third Thursday and goes until it's over.

I made it to the first one in January but missed the February event because I just forgot to go! It turns out there were 18 people at the second one. The restaurant has a fun special on Thursdays—buy a burger and get a free beer! While we don't encourage drinking and driving, you do get a great burger with a side dish and if you limit yourself to a beer (or give it to the navigator!) then you will get a good meal and lots of fun out of the evening. They have several burgers on the menu that we've all enjoyed, so why not come out to one of these social events sometime. We will be having them every month through June, and then again starting in September

Oh, and I wanted to mention what a GREAT time we had at the anniversary party on March 3. We had nearly 60 people show up and everybody had a fabulous time checking out the old cars and even older memorabilia scattered around the venue. I don't know when (or if) we'll have another anniversary party anytime soon, but this one was one for the memory books (in a manner of speaking). I had a great time chatting with people I haven't seen at events for more than a year and sometimes two. I gave them a hard time about not coming out for drives, so maybe we'll see them at something in 2013 (for a change!)

Sorry for the delay in getting this into a newsletter until now –ed

June: As we close out another fiscal year this month, I have been taking stock too. This will be my final president's message as we have a new president's election on June 8 at our board meeting. Bill Bell, a longtime member of our club, has offered to step up as President. He would be willing to run against anyone else who happens to be interested.

It seems like there are always a lot of people to thank for their volunteer service to our organization. We have a number of board members who have agreed to continue their service for at least one more year. So my personal thanks goes out to Allan Ohlsen, Mike Springer, Frank Shriver, Tom Millar, Vickie Olson, Tom Mackey, Sean McGriff, and Kevin Gilbert. All of these folks have served on the board at least a year and most have served for more than three years. These same folks always offer to help when we have a club event, such as Detailin' Day or the Gathering. They also are the ones who help plan drives throughout the year (they'd be glad to help you plan one anytime!).

In closing out two years as president of the club, let me just say it's been an interesting experience and I have made some lifelong friends on this board. You'd be shocked to learn how many times a year we get together just to have dinner and catch up on family news or hang out. Some of the best times have been the "planning" meetings for various events. We hope our efforts have not been in vain.

I am most sad about the fact that this is most likely the end of an era in one respect for our club. This is the last issue of the Sounder, which appears to have gone the way of the Seattle P-I. From now on, we'll be referring everyone to our website, **www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org** for any updates and news that you will need to stay active in the club and learn about upcoming events. We have been unable to recruit a new editor, and Tom Mackey has gotten even busier at his job so he can no longer keep up with this job. So we are at a point in the club where we will migrate to an online presence from now on. We hope you will stay with us and continue to be active and come to events, even if you don't get a monthly reminder!

Be sure you check out the page of events coming up this summer. We still have some open dates on the calendar, so if you wish to host an event, send the details to me at **editorcharlotte@gmail.com** and I will do my best to post it on the website. Thanks for the support the past two years and best wishes to Bill Bell as he takes us into the next chapter of our club.

And thank you, Charlotte! -ed

Editor's Message

By Tom Mackey

tom.mackey@gmail.com

Some of you may remember our first Miata — a 1999 Sapphire Blue 10 Anniversary Special. Our very first trip was to drive across most of the country on Highway 2, then back following US 30. Shortly after that we hooked up with PSMC and started attending events.

Some of the best times or our lives have been spent with you and other members of the Puget Sound Miata Club. I thank you for welcoming us, for putting on great little adventures enjoyed in great little cars, and for making the ones we planned fun and successful.

The Sounder provided news of what the club was doing, and also what other clubs were doing. Before long we found ourselves driving down to Moab Utah for "Miatas in Moab" — and found ourselves in a community of over 200 couples in Miatas of every color of the rainbow from all over North America — all sharing a passion for driving a truly iconic sports car. We were hooked.

There was a period of time during which I went back to school to earn an MBA ; we attended very few events during that time but kept up with what was happening through the Sounder.

After I finished school I was invited to run for a position on the Board of Directors; and I was glad to do so as it was an opportunity to give something back to an organization which had given us so much. When the previous editor, Pam McGriff, asked to be replaced, I volunteered to take it over. I enjoy writing and thought that I had the necessary skills to be a good editor.

Looking back over the 18 issues I've put out, I can see that after some initial difficulties, they have been pretty good. I tried to make the Sounder what I remembered from our early days with the club — a source of information on upcoming events, along with some stories about past events. Active members could see at a glance what was coming up while members who could not attend on a regular basis could keep up with what was happening. In addition, I got to use this space as an occasional soapbox.

Now I must bow out, as the increased responsibilities at work, and at home, do not allow enough free time to produce a consistently high quality Sounder in a timely fashion. It is not fair to you to have the Sounder appear late, or not at all. A Newsletter must arrive predictably, be fun to read, be informative, and allow you to keep up with the club if you cannot attend events for whatever reason. I fear that a club without a newsletter is a club teetering at the brink of extinction.

The club is attempting to fill the gap by becoming more active on Facebook and by keeping the club website updated. Hopefully these will suffice, I must admit it is convenient to receive alerts from the club's Facebook account on my iPhone. I am told that you do not need a Facebook account to keep tabs on the club. I am going to suggest that instructions for that be placed on the club website. Like everything else, it will evolve over time.

I thank all of you for your patience, for your encouragement, and for your friendship. Oh, and also for your excellent advice on my mole problem! The moles say you are amusing, and that they are staying just to hear your next wacky idea! -Tom

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Vickie Olsen	Mike Springer
Bill Bell	

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- 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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