

Miata Sounder



THE FIRST OFFICIAL UNITED STATES MIATA CLUB

January/February 2015

**The Valentines Day Park and Sip Tour
February 14, 2015
Woodinville, WA
Host by Tom Millar and Paul Jaeger**

**General Membership and Board
Meeting
February 7, 2015
At Lombardi's in Mill Creek at 11am**

On Saturday, February 14th, get set for our excursion to the Woodinville Wineries! This popular event does not require any special driving skills. However, it does require a discerning nose, some cash and/or credit cards. Since the event coincides with Valentine's Day you husbands, wives or significant others can make up for lost ground by bringing your cherished one to the romantic world of wines, promising your valentine that you will be stocking up for the upcoming getaway you are planning! A good story anyway and who knows, it might just work and you'll be in good graces once again!

We will begin our journey at 10:30 a.m. at Panera Bread in Woodenville, 13780 Northeast 175th Street, Woodinville, WA, 425-482-7966. By the way, if you wish to have breakfast items you need to order prior to 11:00 a.m. One of the things that make this a successful event is that we begin with a full stomach! After this, we will saddle up and head over to the "warehouse" district of Woodinville Wineries where there is truly a wide selection of wineries for every taste and discriminating palate.

We will park at a central location in order to display our little jewels and then go forth afoot to explore and enjoy the many wineries to choose from. Most of these wineries have tasting fees and often times these fees are waived when a wine purchase is made. Some of us may also wish do some more exploring, heading over to such lovely wineries like Dusted Valley Vintners. The choice is yours and we aim to please with providing you the freedom to explore these Woodinville treasures on your own terms! See you on the 14th!

On February 7th, a General Membership and Board Meeting will be held at Lombardi's Restaurant in Mill Creek. This important meeting kicks off at Lombardi's at 11am (directions are at the end of this article). We will update and add events to the event calendar for 2015, discuss and update the Constitution and Bylaws and have a board meeting. The vote on the new Constitution and Bylaws has been postponed as the board is continuing to discuss these important documents. All members are encourage to attend.

Directions: Going Northbound on I-405: At exit 26, take ramp right for WA-527 North toward Mill Creek, Turn right onto WA-527 / Bothell Everett Hwy, in 1.9 miles arrived at Lombardi's, 19409 Bothell Everett Hwy, Bothell, WA 98012.

**Going Southbound on I-405:
At exit 26, take ramp right for WA-527 toward Mill Creek / Bothell, Turn left onto WA-527 / Bothell Everett Hwy, in 2.0 miles arrived at Lombardi's, 19409 Bothell Everett Hwy, Bothell, WA 98012**

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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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2014 Year In Pictures



Upcoming Events — Something for Everyone!

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

2015 Events Calendar-January to May

January

- 6 First Tuesday North-end Cruise-In Special at Canyon's
- 15 3rd Thursday Cruise-In Social @ TBD 5:30 p.m.

February

- 3 First Tuesday North-end Cruise-In Special at Canyon's
- 7 General Membership and Board Meeting @ Lombardi's in Bothell/19409 Bothell Everett Hwy, Bothell, WA 98012 @11am
- 19 3rd Thursday Cruise-In Social @ TBD 5:30 p.m.

March

- 3 First Tuesday North-end Cruise-In Special at Canyon's
- 19 3rd Thursday Cruise-In Social @ TBD 5:30 p.m.

April

- 7 First Tuesday North-end Cruise-In Special at Canyon's
- 11 General Membership and Board Meeting @ site to be determined
- 16 3rd Thursday Cruise-In Social @ TBD 5:30 p.m.
- 25 MG Car Club 33rd Annual Tulip Rallye/Tentative Date

May

- 5 First Tuesday North-end Cruise-In Special at Canyon's
- 16 PSMC Show and Shine/Kirkland, WA and Viking Fest Parade/Poulsbo, WA
- 21 3rd Thursday Cruise-In Social @ TBD 5:30 p.m.
- 22-24 Topless Sun Run/Okanagan Valley Miata Club

Miata Helpful Links

Buying a Miata: <http://www.miata.net/garage/garagebuying.html>



Driving a Miata

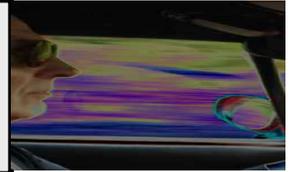


Note: Check PSMC website for latest details
<http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org/>

Ruminations of a Miata Driver

Be Untoppable

By Ross Scott



Editors Note: Reposted with additional information from December 2014

I really enjoy summers driving everywhere in the open air. It reminds me of the old Hollywood movies where everyone had a convertible with the top down all the time. I have read about people who park their roadsters on the street in SoCal and drive them year round, even in the rain. It doesn't get cold there all that often; contrary to the four seasons we get in the northern climes. But that does not stop everybody up here.

You've seen these people, driving with their top down in freezing weather, rain and even snow, gloves on and hoodie up,



braving the elements. It's enough to make a person shake ones head and wonder about their sanity. Oh, wait, that's me

they are wondering about. Well, not crazy and not snow, yet. Next time the flakes fly, though, I'm going out and savor the aerodynamics as the flakes flow around Miata contours.

I have heard people say that the Miata is a roadster and roadsters were meant to drive with the top down, end of discussion. While the Miata is not traditionally a roadster, (back in the day roadsters did not have roll up windows and, many times, no

drop top), I tend to agree. There is something fishy about a convertible on a non-rainy day with the top up. What are they afraid of, besides a natural high?

Maybe most cars do not provide an enjoyable experience when moving in the open air. In some of the four-seaters, for instance, the turbulence in the back can be brutal at freeway speeds. Maybe it is inconvenient and time consuming to store the rag, but even the hardtop units with "instant" down and up are almost never seen in the open position. I have a friend with a Chrysler Sebring and I have never seen the top down, ever! Just push the button for heaven's sake!

I cannot deny the fact that fresh air beats stale air, sunlight beats shadow and the senses awakened to sounds and smells is much superior to being indoors, except, possibly, when driving past a dairy farm. People love to sit on their patios and decks outdoors, why not do the same right in your own car seat? Cold weather? Cars have heaters, and if you manage the cockpit air circulation situation properly, one can be quite cozy and invigorated with toasty feet and lungs full of fresh air. Rain? Just keep moving.

Remember, it is more fun to drive open to the rain than to not drive at all!

Go Topless!

Presidents Message

By Bill Bell

Happy New Year Everyone! I hope everyone had Happy Holidays and it's not too late to wish you a Happy 2015 of driving Miatas and having fun at the many upcoming events this year. The 1st Quarter PSMC general membership and board meeting will meet on February 7th for a General Membership and Board meeting and will be discussing and updating the 2015 Events Calendar and the Constitution/Bylaws and have a board meeting. The vote on the Constitution and Bylaws has been postponed and the board will continue to discuss and update these important documents. All members are encouraged to attend.

We will continue to have the monthly 1st Tuesday and 3rd Thursday Social Events, parades, runs, and gathering events throughout 2015 so take a look at the calendar in the Sounder and website. The PSMC Show and Shine will be May 16th. I am attaching a registration form for the 2015 MG Tullip Rallye Registration form for Saturday, April 25, 2015 and a link below to Miatas at Mazda Raceway: The Annual Celebration on October 3-4, 2015 in Monterey, CA <http://www.miatasatmazdaraceway.com/>.

2015 is just starting. The long and winding roads are before us! Please review the event calendar and plan on participating in the many events in 2015. I believe you will have fun! I want to thank the Board for their continued hard work and dedication. Without the board and membership, PSMC would not be here today! Have a Happy and Fun 2015! Thank You All! See you at the next event! Zoom Zoom!



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The club operates as a non-profit organization and relies primarily on volunteer services. However, sponsorship of events, the publication and mailing of the newsletter, and operating supplies constitute a financial burden that must be met by the membership. **The Sounder is emailed as a PDF Link unless you opt for physical delivery.** Make your Miata experience more enjoyable and join the club and participate. To keep the club meaningful and solvent, we need your support!

Club membership is available by going to our website at www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org or by sending your name, address, email, and a check for **\$30 (annual chapter dues) or \$40 (dues plus Sounder delivery via hardcopy).** Puget Sound Miata Club

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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 JPEGs 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, i.e. word doc or docx or file text.
- The deadline is the 15th of the next month. Please observe it!

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Mazda of Everett (425) 353-3403

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

Milam Mazda of Puyallup (253) 845-1766 /

University Mazda of Seattle (206) 634-1191

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