

# Miata Sounder



THE FIRST OFFICIAL UNITED STATES MIATA CLUB

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## New Member Welcome May 2, 2015

Are you new to the Puget Sound Miata Club and yet to participate in a club event? Or perhaps you have been a member for the last two or three years, wondering what else your club has to offer? Maybe you're a long time member looking to meet new members, have fun and go for a great drive. Come check it out; this event is for you.

Some of the goals of the PSMC is to see you get the most enjoyment from your Miata through club events and activities with like-minded people.

Please join us at the Redmond Azteca for a social time, no-host lunch, followed by a great drive on some scenic and fun twisty roads. Some of your PSMC Board Members will be on hand, looking forward to meeting you, explaining "How we do it" and answering questions. We may even be able to rustle up some "freebies".

This event is designed for the new member, but all are encouraged to join in. Please plan to come to this fun event and meet some terrific people that enjoy the Miata experience as much as you do.

The plan is to start at 11 a.m. with lunch, social time and presentations. Lunch prices range from \$7-\$12 per person. At around 12:30 we will gather in the parking lot for a "drivers' meeting" before heading off for a one-hour adventure of fun roads. It should end by 3 p.m. Please RSVP below so we (and the restaurant) can plan for you.

### Driving Directions:

The Redmond 'Azteca' is located just off Hwy. 520, east of I-405. Take Hwy. 520 east from I-405, take the "148th Ave. NE" exit, go left (north) over the freeway, Azteca is on the right.  
Azteca Mexican Restaurant  
3040 148th Ave. NE  
Redmond, WA 98052

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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.

Send your submissions to:

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# Detailin' Day and Show N Shine

## May 16, 2015 at 10am

This is a perfect opportunity to get your cars buffed and shined up, ready for the summer driving weather that is (hopefully) just ahead. We'll commence the activities at 10 a.m. (not a minute before).

Lee Johnson Mazda in Kirkland has offered their facilities to the club again this year as hosts for the event. Not only does the day provide all club members the chance to wash, vacuum, and buff their cars in preparation for summer driving, it also gives the folks at Lee Johnson some visibility to potential Miata owners who may want to consider owning one of these fabulous cars.



You can show up at 10 a.m. and start the process with washing your car (including under the

hood if you choose) and vacuuming the inside. After that, you can get in line for the buffing station, and follow that with a final coat of wax to bring your baby to it's finest shine. All supplies will be provided by the club and Griot's Garage in Tacoma, another of our sponsors for this event; all you need to bring is some polishing cloths for the final steps and your own elbow grease.

As in the past, if a non-member wants to detail a car, cost will be \$20 (or they can just join the club for \$30).

We do have a need for some additional volunteer buffers this year. We have a contingent of buffers who have graciously agreed to do this job

for many years but for various reasons, they are unable to contribute this year. So now is the time for a new generation of buffing experts to step up to the challenge. You can contact Mike Springer at [springer-photo@wamail.net](mailto:springer-photo@wamail.net) and he'll line you up with all the necessary tools and details to be a buffing rock star.

Lunch will be provided by the board in the form of homemade chili of varying kinds (including a gluten-free option) and hot dogs provided by the folks at Lee Johnson. We'll have some regular and gluten-free cookies for dessert.



Once you finish detailing your car, plan to stay on hand until around 2 p.m. for the show-and-shine at the dealership. This is an essential component of our co-sponsorship with the folks at Lee Johnson Mazda, so don't plan to cut and run as soon as you finish up. The reward for hanging out will be a chance to win some one-of-a-kind door prizes and perhaps a trophy for Best of Show.

**Directions to Lee Johnson Mazda:** From I-5, either direction take the 85th St Exit to Kirkland/Redmond. Lee Johnson is just off the highway and just off the exit ramp heading toward Redmond. If you turn toward the water, you've chosen the wrong exit!

## Upcoming Events — Something for Everyone!

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

### April

Apr 07 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social  
Apr 11 April Board Meeting  
Apr 16 Third Thursday Cruise-In Social

### May

May 02 New Member Welcome  
May 05 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social  
May 16 Detailin' Day and Show N Shine  
May 16 Viking Fest Parade  
May 22 Topless Fun Run (hosted by Okanagan Valley Miata Club)

### June

Jun 02 Final First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social until Fall  
Jun 06 PSMC Board Meeting  
Jun 19 Final Third Thursday Cruise-In Social until Fall  
Jun 27 Fathoms O' Fun Parade

### July

Jul 04 Pacific Northwest Historics  
Jul 04 Kingston 4th Of July Parade  
Jul 11 Whidbey Island Tour  
Jul 16 Expore Oregon (hosted by Willamette Valley Miata Club)  
Jul 19 Chinatown Seafair Parade  
Jul 25 Silverdale Whaling Days Parade  
Jul 25 2015 Opel - Miata Gathering

### August

Aug 01 Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas  
Aug 08 Spot That Thing!  
Aug 15 The Renton "Clueless" Drive  
Aug 22 Smilin' Jack's Run

### September

Sep 06 South Bend Road Run  
Sep 12 Drive to Lunch  
Sep 26 Leavenworth Autumn Leaf Festival Parade

## Miata Helpful Links

Miata Recalls: <http://www.miata.net/garage/tsb/>

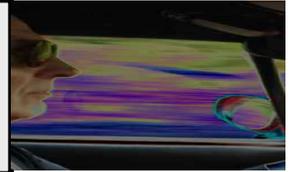


Note: Check PSMC website for latest details  
<http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org/>

# Ruminations of a Miata Driver

## Potluck

By Ross Scott



I do not know about other countries, but the art of the Potluck is thriving in the USA after centuries of ingestion. The Mayflower settlers could have all starved that first year in Plymouth, if not for the sharing of food and knowledge by the local inhabitants. That kindness, in addition to the discoveries of the formers various food caches, enabled the Pioneers to survive to write their own history. That was the luck part.

connected by some invisible thread, because these potluck socials almost always produce an ideal, if not perfect balance of courses. There are never too many salads, entrees or desserts. Ok, maybe someone's egg salad is suspect and almost everyone avoids it, but luckily that is the exception. Besides, someone will probably end up bringing a cover dish; a dish along the same lines, only one that is perceived as safe.



So, next time you are composing a dish for a club social or meeting, don't overthink it. Just choose the food you want to make for the get-together, because it will fit right in unless, of course, you are bringing octopus on toast. In fact, it might improve on an already great system if everyone did not think a lot about what dish to bring, but made one anyway. Like Nikes motto, Just do it. It might turn out to be very lucky indeed!

Lets eat!

### Puget Sound Miata Club Name Tags

Growing up in America exposes one to the shared food experience in a number of venues. If you are in a group, or belong to a club, you will have a gathering where everyone brings a dish for the table. The whole reason for this, in a country awash in food, is a shallow excuse to get together to communicate, and feed ones face in the process. The church social, to me, is the ideal and highest form of this exercise.

It is almost as if the participants minds are

New Name Tags for all paid memberships of record!

The name tags will be ordered monthly for those who renew memberships and then if you wish to order any additional name tags for co-pilots or your other car, you may do so. Please contact Charlotte Fellers for additional information:

[pastprez@pugetsoundmiataclub.org](mailto:pastprez@pugetsoundmiataclub.org)

# Valentine's Day Park and Sip Tour 2015 Aftermath

By Ross Scott

I want to thank Paul Jaeger and Tom and Cindy Millar for an enjoyable afternoon at the Woodinville Wineries. They were very well organized and covered all the bases.

It was a balmy Valentine's Day morning when club members gathered at the Panera Bread shop in Woodinville. As Paul stated, it is above fifty degrees and not raining. Top down weather. And it was.

We were fortunate to find an empty table large enough to accommodate us all, since the venue was quite busy with shoppers,



joggers and WiFi users. After a hearty breakfast of bacon and egg crescents, Paul gave us an overview of the tour we were about to undertake.

Then, to the parking lot for the mandatory driver's meeting, to review road etiquette, and to insure no one gets lost on the way. There was a lot of traffic in and around the parking lot on exit, but with Tom leading, and Paul, with an identical 2001 British

Racing Green Special Edition, taking drag, everyone was herded to our destination without any problems.

It was a memorable experience of wine and chocolate pairings. We sipped and ate our way through the three top wineries in Woodinville, per local expert, Paul, where he regaled us with tales of wine and wineries, beyond, at least my, expectations. I had such a good time that I am already looking forward to next year's tour, if our hosts, hopefully, so oblige.

## Puget Sound Miata Club

### 2015 Parades

Every year, the PSMC supports the Viking Fest and Kingston Queens and their court in driving them in several parades. They are: Viking Fest Parade, Port Orchard Fathoms O' Fun Parade, Kingston 4th of July Parade, Silverdale Whaling Parade, and the Leavenworth Autumn Leaf Festival Parade. These parades are lots of fun, we meet new people, supports the local community, and we are giving our club publicity in driving the Royalty around in our Miatas.

In the past few years, the number of drivers have dwindled to just a few. We are looking for new drivers to drive the Royalty for these groups. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mindy Bohnas at [fun4sun@wavecable.com](mailto:fun4sun@wavecable.com) or Bill Bell at [arbill@hotmail.com](mailto:arbill@hotmail.com). We would be happy to have you join us in our next parade.

## Four Generations of Mazda MX5 Miata in Pictures

## Miata Events around the U.S.A.

Below are the four generations of the Mazda MX5 Miata styles from 1990 to 2016. The 2016 will be the shortest Miata of the four generations and have a 2.0 liter engine with Mazda's Skyactiv Technology.

NA  
1st  
Generation  
1990-1997



NB  
2nd  
Generation  
1999-2005



NC  
3rd  
Generation  
2006-2015



ND  
4th  
Generation  
2016-????



The **Miatas at Mazda Raceway** (Laguna Seca) will be held on October 3-4, 2015 in Monterey, CA. Please check the miata.net forum: <http://forum.miata.net/vb/forumdisplay.php?f=143>

Registration is located on the Official Website: <http://www.miatasatmazdaraceway.com/>. This event is being supported by MazdaUSA.

The **Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association (SAMOA)** is proud to announce that registration is now open for our Silver Jubilee 25th Anniversary weekend. Our celebration will take place on Friday-Sunday, October 2-4, 2015. Event headquarters is the Black Oak Casino Resort located in beautiful Tuolumne, California, just uphill from Sonoma, California and a stone's throw from Yosemite National Park. Registration is now open. Please join us by logging on to our event website and follow the registration instructions. If you have any questions please contact me, Lee Galati at [leegalati@gmail.com](mailto:leegalati@gmail.com).

The **Utah Miata Club** is having a 2017 Viking River Cruise 15 Day Grand European Tour. Most of the UMC VRC 2017 GET information is on the attachment (UMC March newsletter) and links below. In short, we are looking to fill all 95 cabins on a Viking River Cruise Long Ship with Miata folks family & friend. So far 25 cabins have been booked as of 3/11/2015.

If there are any questions, please send me an email... Donn Cichocki: [donncichocki@comcast.net](mailto:donncichocki@comcast.net) or Mike Bailey [mike@mikebaileyprinting.com](mailto:mike@mikebaileyprinting.com).

## President's Message

By Bill Bell



Hello Fellow Members! We have made it through Winter and Spring is here which means the tops are down and driving season has started. At the 1st Quarter PSMC general membership and board meeting on February 7th, the board approved the new Constitution and Bylaws, elected Ross Scott as the new Vice President and updated the 2015 Events Calendar. All other Board Members remained in their current position except for a few name changes. On



April 11, the next board meeting will be at 11:30am at Lee Johnson Mazda in Kirkland. Everyone is invited.

The New Member Welcome will be on May 2 at Azteca Restaurant in

Redmond. This event is the new member welcoming party for all new members to the club and will include a scenic drive. All are welcome to attend.

On May 16, it is the biggest event in the spring for PSMC: Detailin' Day and Show N Shine event being held at Lee Johnson Mazda in Kirkland. The event will provide all club members the chance to wash, vacuum, and buff their cars in preparation for summer driving. It also gives the folks at Lee Johnson some visibility to potential Miata owners who may want to consider owning one of these fabulous cars.

Upcoming parades are the Viking Fest Parade on May 16 and Fathoms O' Fun Parade on June 27. If you like to volunteer to drive, please contact Mindy Bohnas at [fun4sun@wavecable.com](mailto:fun4sun@wavecable.com). Also, the First Tuesday and Third Thursday will continue through June and back in October so please check out the events website at <http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org/page-1624266>. Have Fun and See You at the Next Event! Zoom Zoom!

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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 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](http://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!

**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%*

*Milam Mazda of Puyallup (253) 845-1766 /*

*University Mazda of Seattle (206) 634-1191*

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