

Miata Sounder



THE FIRST OFFICIAL UNITED STATES MIATA CLUB

August/September 2015

Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas

August 1, 2015

10am – 3pm

Griot's Garage, Tacoma, WA

It's time again to mark your calendars to attend the annual the "Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas". It will be at the Cabana at Griot's Garage in Tacoma on August 1st, 2015 from 10am to 3pm.

If you have never been to Griot's in Tacoma, then you are missing out! It's a great place to stock up on your car wash, wax, and polishing supplies. As one of our partners, Griot's Garage welcomes us every year to host our "Gathering" in their parking lot. Additionally, they sponsor a one-hour tech program where they explain the use of the car maintenance products they sell and why they are such good products. Their address is: 3333 S. 38th St, Tacoma. You can check out their website at ww.griotsgarage.com.



We will start off at 10 a.m. with the "Drive-In" to Griot's and to give you an hour to spiff up your car. Then the Tech Program begins at 11 a.m. followed by lunch, which will be cooked and served by your PSMC Board of Directors. Following lunch, you can view the Miatas and vote for the People's Choice winners. Winners will receive an award and prizes will be given away. Please bring something to sit on just like you would bring to a picnic! (i.e.: a folding chair or blanket). There is a large grassy area

surrounding the bbq pits for this purpose.

Directions to Griot's Garage:

Traveling I-5 South: Take Exit 132A (S 38th St West toward Tacoma Mall) At the stoplight, bear right onto S 38th St. Go 3/4 of a mile to Griot's Garage on the right (white building with red stripes.) Last intersection is S Lawrence St. **Traveling I-5 North:** Take Exit 132, take second 38th St exit after overpass (S 38th St West toward Tacoma Mall) Bear right onto S 38th St. Go 3/4 of a mile to Griot's Garage on the right (white building with red stripes.) Last intersection is S Lawrence St. **From Gig Harbor:** On Hwy 16, take exit for Union Ave. Turn right onto S Union Ave. Turn left onto S 38th St., then another left onto S Lawrence St. Griot's Garage is on the left (white building with red stripes.) Lot entrance is behind the building. Zoom Zoom!

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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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'Spot that thing' is back on the road!
Hosted by Charlotte Fellers
August 8, 2015

Road Run to South Bend
Open event for all Miatas and Miata Clubs

Jump in your Miata and get ready to "Spot That Thing." In this fun rallye-type drive, you'll get a set of driving directions and a page of photos that correspond to sights you will see on the drive. You'll need to take note of the mileage when you "Spot That Thing." At the end of the drive, you'll have an opportunity to win a fun prize.

This drive has been re-introduced after a few years' hiatus and will feature a new drive that will leave



from Factoria Mall near Target on the west side of the mall. You will want to arrive early enough to use the facilities and perhaps grab a cup of coffee for your short journey that will end at one of the South End's hidden treasures--The Black Diamond Bakery. We'll get some lunch and have a chat about the "Things" on this drive.

The drive is going to take a few hours because some of the roads have slower speed limits and there will be a number of bicyclists along this route. So relax and enjoy the rural roads of King County as you "Spot That Thing."



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This is a Miata Club tradition that ends at South Bend just in time to join in their Annual 'Come out and play on Labor Day' parade. Once we arrive there, we'll line up to drive our cars in this fun parade that always attracts an apprecia-



tive crowd. Start point: Meet for breakfast at 8:00 AM at Country Cousin restaurant 1054 Harrison Ave. Centralia, WA 98531. Take exit 82 off I-5 (the Outlet Malls exit,) go west about a block, then right into restaurant.

Leave on road tour promptly at 9:15 AM for a back roads cruise of about 85 miles to South Bend, WA. Then participate in the city's annual "Come And Play On Labor Day" parade. For parade and festival info see: <http://funbeach.com>

If you and your sports car will be at the ocean beaches for the holiday weekend, feel free to meet the rest of our club in the parade staging area. (Parade starts at 1:00 PM.)

Upcoming Events — Something for Everyone!

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

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Miata Helpful Links

Miata Garage: <http://www.miata.net/garage/>



Drive Safely!

**Drive to Lunch
Hosted by Ross Scott
September 12, 2015**

This is a straight forward 50 plus mile drive along scenic back roads, to lunch at the famous Rhodes River Ranch, located just outside of Oso, WA. It is located on the second floor of a horse arena, with a glass wall for a view of the horses. There is no special event scheduled for this day, but people can be observed working their horses from time to time.

There is a Senior's Menu, \$6.95 for a good sized sandwich and fries. The also excellent standard lunch menu is in the \$9-\$12 range, including gluten free items. This is big-city food at country prices, folks.

From here, everyone can make their way home through Arlington to highway 9, and from there, connect to I5 if desired. Of course one can always trace the route in reverse, or take the alternate parallel back roads per supplied map.

We will meet up at 9:30 AM at the Monroe Chevron on Highway 2 at the east end of Monroe. Driver's meeting will be at 9:45 for a 10 a.m. commencement of activities.

Monroe Chevron
514 E Main St
Monroe, WA 98272

And end up at Rhodes River Ranch:
22016 Entsminger Rd, Arlington, WA
98223

(360) 474-8313

This will be about a two-hour drive with a 15 minute rest stop about halfway through.

Directions from I-5:

Take the highway 2 exit east in Everett. About 40 miles from the exit.

Highway 522:

Drive north on Highway 522 to the end in Monroe and take Highway 2 east.

Hope to see you there!

**The Renton "Clueless" Drive
Hosted by Sean and Pam McGriff
August 15, 2015**

We'll meet at the Landing behind the Top Pot doughnut shop in Renton at 10:37am



sharp. (give or take a few minutes).

Then we will head out and drive around the south end of Lake Washington. Hopefully our hosts will know the way, but if not, it will still be a fun drive!

After a two hour drive, we'll end where we began. There is a Jimmy-John's, Mucho Burrito, 5-Guys Burgers, The Rock - Wood-fired Pizza, and other food venues.

**Marysville Strawberry Festival
Parade and the Port Orchard
Fathom's O' Fun Parade**

I want to thank the following individuals for supporting the Viking Fest Royalty in the parades:

Marysville Strawberry Festival Parade

Ron Haworth, Ly Lee, Mindy Bohnas,
John Boespflug, and Danika Winter

Port Orchard Fathom's O' Fun Parade

Bill Hughes, Carol Kus & Frank Shriver,
John Boespflug, Mindy Bohnas, and Ron
Haworth

Last Get-Together of the Year Hosted by: PSMC Board

The "End of the Driving Season" will be upon us, so why not have a party to celebrate! This year's party will be at a different venue from years past and we'll be doing a "drive-in" to this luncheon event.

This year's luncheon will be open to the first 40 people who register and pay in advance for the event. Cost is \$25 per person.

The day will begin with a drive from either the north end or south end and each drive host will meet up with additional drivers along the way, where we'll terminate at Lombardi's in Bothell for an elegant luncheon together. It's an Italian restaurant that features delicious handmade authentic food.



As you arrive, you'll be able to sample your choice of two appetizers, either Tuscan prawns featuring spicy tiger prawns, white beans, garlic, tomato and white wine; or Tuscan Chicken bites layered on crostini with grilled chicken, white beans, and garlic.

Lunch will start with either a baby greens and gorgonzola salad or a cup of homemade soup of the day; followed by your choice of four main course items. These

will include tortellini gorgonzola featuring cheese filled pasta, tossed with sundried tomato, basil, walnuts and cream sauce; penne Siciliana, with Italian sausage, tomatoes, peppers, onions, all in a tomato butter sauce; grilled wild salmon prepared with extra virgin olive oil, grey salt, grilled medium and served on fettuccine noodles; or chicken parmigiano, cooked in the traditional tomato-based sauce featuring Italian cheeses.

Dessert will be available for purchase for those who want it. Coffee and tea (hot and cold) will be included with your meal. Any additional beverages, such as soda or alcoholic beverages will be available for individual purchase from the Lombardi's bar.

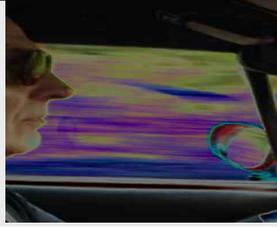
The registration may be paid by mailing a check to Sean McGriff, Treasurer, at 222 Wells St. N., Renton, WA 98057, or you can use PayPal on the PSMC Website to make your payment. The cost is \$25 per person, payable in advance.

In years past, the main event has been a plethora of door prizes. However, this year, we are tightening our belts a bit and so we do not plan to have door prizes; instead we are going to have some other entertaining activities to help celebrate our year as a club.

This party is a great time to give your Miata one last spin before the snow flies and meet up with old friends and new for an afternoon of socializing and reliving our memories of the season. We hope you will come and participate in this fun day out! Zoom Zoom!

Ruminations of a Miata Driver

Miata Dreams
By Ross Scott



Smilin' Jack's' Features South End Roads Hosted by Jim and Phyllis Liljeberg August 22, 2015

I am driving my Miata at speed with the warm air streaming through my hair. I am in third gear on uphill twisties, listening to the exhaust singing its beautiful note. This is a magical road, a perfect road. It has just the right proportion of esses, hairpins and straightaways to keep from being boring or trance-forming, like some freeways can be. I come on to a straight and listen to the engine rev to the limit as I execute an up-shift as smooth as guacamole and follow with another and then start braking for the next corner, a left hand hairpin, uphill. I heel-toe two perfect downshifts and



enter the corner. Easy on the accelerator exiting for a smoothÉ.

I am awakened by my cat on my nightstand letting me know it is 3 A.M. and time for his foray into

the wild to set up an ambush at dawn, just for the fun of it. After the, "I was just kidding about going out," routine and the, "No you really weren't," treatment, I get back to bed.

When I close my eyes, I review my dream. I notice my driving has improved immensely, as well as having hair that could be blown through. I am like the solo sailor at sea, who's brain manufactures content because of the lack of visual input upon a barren sea. See, my car is in the shop for an extended stay, and I am going into Miata withdrawal. Every time I close my eyes to sleep I am in the cockpit shifting gears and hearing the engine sing! There is no twelve-step program for this, except, maybe, how many paces it takes to stand up straight after getting out of the vehicle.

Yes, I have a loaner-car to drive, and a mighty fine one at that. I know I am preaching to the choir when I say it is not the same experience to drive someone else's car. Here, one is basically on a date with one's cousin so things aren't going anywhere. So one dreams on. And dreams have a way coming true! **Go Miata!**

Join Jim Liljeberg and his wife Phyllis on this drive that starts in Enumclaw and, as is often the case, ends with food.

We're looking at about an hour and a half of actual driving time from Enumclaw to Whistlin' Jacks Restaurant. Maybe two hours, tops. But there are a lot of interesting stops along the way. The first one is an interpretive center (half hr) and then the little town of Greenwater has some interesting shops (and toilets). And then there's a campground with a very large very old tree that people usually like to use as a backdrop for a photo op. There will be another campground with a large picnic area next to a fast running stream where we plan to stop and have a little picnic, so bring food for the picnic.



The next stops are the passes themselves. By the time we take this drive, there won't be much snow there, if any, so we probably won't be able to spend as much time there as usual but there are toilets and more photo ops. Then there are a couple of interesting stops on the other side of the Chinook and Cayuse passes. As we develop this drive further, we'll make notes on the free interpretive centers and any other interesting things to do on this drive. So my plan is to meet the group in a parking lot in Enumclaw at 10 AM. Be sure you have a nice breakfast at home or along the way to Enumclaw before arriving for the start of the drive. After the many stops and a picnic lunch along the way, we will plan to be at Whistlin' Jacks by 3:30 or 4 PM for dinner. From there, folks are free to return home on their own. There are only two ways to go, back to Enumclaw and then home or continue on to Yakima and then through Snoqualmie Pass.

**Mahogany & Merlot and Miatas IV Tour
October 2, 3, 4th, 2015**

Hosted by Allan Ohlsen and Paul Jaeger



Here we go again! Wine lovers! Gear heads! Nostalgiaacs! 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? 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 and hydro pits. The festival features wine, a vintage car display and many vintage wooden pleasure craft on display, some offering rides. The big attraction though is the unlimited hydroplanes from the Unlimited Hydroplane Museum. Remember Miss Bardahl, Thriftway, 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, led by wine-extraordinaire: Ray Houghton.

We will be meeting at 10 a.m., at the Chevron station located at the east end of Monroe on Hwy 2. As a reminder, get your reservation in to Campbell's Resort as soon as possible. Hydroplanes, wine tour, vintages cars! It doesn't get any better than this.

Bring your lunch for Friday, we have a planned lunch stop at Tunnel Hill Winery on the way to Chelan, we will also stop at Tsillan Cellars while en-route to Campbell's resort. Saturday is festival day and wine tour day; you may do both. New twist this year; we are also planning a beach BBQ for Saturday night at Campbell's. Bill and Karen Cooper from Coop's Miata will be providing burgers, brats and fixings, to be prepared on Campbell's BBQs, all for \$8 per person. Sunday morning our tour ends, but many will enjoy brunch at Tsillan Cellars before heading home.

Sound like fun? Here is what you need to do; RSVP for the event then call Campbell's Resort 800-553-8225 or 509-682-2561 (room prices about \$120 per night) to reserve your room for Oct. 2nd and 3rd. Mention "Mahogany & Merlot" to get the discount. Don't wait, this festival is growing exponentially. Campbell's has several rooms blocked for this event, but is offered to all festival participants (not just us) so it will fill up fast. For any questions, please contact one of the hosts. Allan Ohlsen railtrail@hotmail.com Paul Jaeger cougguy81@aol.com

Pacific Beach Frolic
September 19 and 20, 2015

Marysville Strawberry Festival Parade
and the Port Orchard Fathom's O' Fun
Parade Pictures

Cindy and Tom Millar are hosting their 3rd annual Pacific Beach Frolic (aka Olympic Peninsula Lite Tour)! This popular event is designed with a short but wonderfully curvy road through the back woods of the Mason and Grays Harbor Counties. Unlike last year, our intent is to not stop at a winery but to head fairly directly to the Pacific Beach Resort. We will make a quick stop in Aberdeen to pick any supplies you may wish to bring out to the beach. Once at Pacific Beach, you will have the opportunity to walk on the beach where kite season will sure to be in the air. Or, you can visit the thriving metropolis of Pacific Beach! You may even want to 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 resort restaurant, we will assemble at the club room off of the presidential suites wing for a for some after-action reports on our experiences.

Our ride will begin at the Little Creek Casino in Shelton with a short drivers meeting starting at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday. Lodging will be at the Pacific Beach Resort & Conference Center. As of now we have several rooms blocked for this event, with a few of these being the presidential suites! Their website is: <http://www.navylifePNW.com/site/68/Pacific-Beach.aspx>. Rooms run from \$55 to \$100 per night (no tax). You will need to reserve your room using either a Visa or MasterCard. If your plans change, you have until two weeks prior to the event to cancel without a charge. The direct phone number for Pacific Beach Resort & Conference Center is: (360)276-4414. When you call, you need to reference Tom Millar with 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 plan on a leisurely drive back to civilization. If you encounter any difficulties with making your reservations at Pacific Beach please feel free to call Tom Millar at (425)623-8181 or e-mail: tom.millar@sorianthealthcare.com.

Marysville Strawberry Festival Parade



Port Orchard Fathom's O' Fun Parade



President's Message

By Bill Bell



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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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Hello Fellow Members! Summer is here, the tops are down, and driving season is in full swing! At the 3rd Quarter PSMC general membership and board meeting in June, the board confirmed everything needed at the **"Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas"** on August 1st and **"The End-of-the-Driving-Season"** party in November. Elections will be held on October 17. I want to thank Mazda USA for providing funding and prizes for the **"Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas"**.

Please sign up for **"The End-of-the-Driving-Season"** party before all the spaces are gone.

On August 1st, it is the biggest event of the year for PSMC. It is the **"Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas"**. It will be held at the Cabana at Griot's Garage in Tacoma. It starts at 10am. Griot's Garage will be putting on a display of their products with food, prizes, and a show-n-shine contest provided by PSMC.

I want to thank everyone who has supported the Viking Fest Royalty this year. Without these volunteers, it could not have been done. If you like to volunteer to drive, please contact Mindy Bohnas at fun4sun@wavecable.com. I was invited to drive the Grand Marshall at the West Seattle Parade on July 18, and the PSMC was recognized in the West Seattle newspaper. Please check out all the other events from drives to over-nighters to social events.

There are many events for everyone! The PSMC website link is: <http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org>. I want to thank the PSMC Board for their hard and dedicated work to making this club what it is today! Have Fun and See You at the Next Event! ZoomZoom!

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):

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Doug's Lynnwood Mazda (425) 774-3551

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