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Newsletter of the Puget Sound Miata Club The Oldest Miata Club in the World

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## Start Your Month Off With a

### MAGICAL MIATA MYSTERY TOUR

Don't be late. Driver's Meeting is at 10 AM, Saturday, April 1st at the Don Armeni Boat Ramp in Alki. Hosted by the Webers and Brandts, this tour promises to "take you away."

## Throw in a Sprinkle of Events Throughout (more on pg 3 & 9)

### 1st Friday Formal

April 7, 2006; 7:30 PM @ Johnny's Dock in Tacoma

Hosted by the Springers

Dinner will be at Johnny's Dock, 1990 East "D" Street, Tacoma. Seating at 7:30 pm. The setting is a view of a yacht basin and the new skyline of Tacoma on the other side, including Union Station and the Glass Museum. For a photograph of the restaurant, dinner menu and directions, go to: [www.johnnysdock.com](http://www.johnnysdock.com). After dinner the night owls can take a moon light drive (I hope!) to our desert destination. Maximum number will be 10 couples. Please reserve by April 1st via the website at [www.ps-miata.com](http://www.ps-miata.com) or email: [springerphoto@comcast.net](mailto:springerphoto@comcast.net). Hope to see you there, Mike & Lilly Springer



### Nominating Meeting & Chili Feed



April 8, 2006; 12 Noon @ Fugitt/McKnight's in Port Orchard

This year's Nominating Committee, Maury Fugitt and Randy Umemoto, are working hard to solicit nominations for PSMC Officers and Directors for the 2006-2007 year. Current eligible board members will be contacted to see if they plan to run again; however, a number of Director at Large positions will become vacant due to term limits, as described in the club's bylaws. Additionally the position of President (all the

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## And Make Sure to End It With:

### Detailing Day & New Members's Day

Sat., April 29, 2006

Hosted by Coop's Miata

All Puget Sound Miata Club Members...Bring your Miata to Coop's in Maple Valley for a Miata Spa Day to get ready for cruising season!



If you are a new member, you won't want to miss this opportunity to meet with other Miata owners, chat about past and future events, and discover the secrets of keeping your Miata

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If you have been thinking about joining, this is the perfect time to jump in! With your registration, you will be able to benefit from this annual Spring ritual.

A team of PSMC volunteers will be on hand to assist you with the spa treatments, which include washing, steam cleaning, vacuuming, and waxing. The PSMC Buff Guys will run the buffers to bring that paint job to a beautiful shine.

All you need to bring is four soft bath towels to dry your beautiful car after its wash. The club will provide wash and wax products, hamburgers, hotdogs, and drinks (non-alcohol).

The Dent Guy will be there to smooth out those pesky door dings, and Roger Cantaloube will repair or replace windshields.

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## ps-miata.org

Visit our website for the latest club info, links to other Miata sites and more.

## upcoming events

# The All City Rally XXVI\*

Sunday, April 23, 2006

Sponsored by Corvettes de Olympia, co-sanctioned by NRSCCA

Article by Duncan Johnson



The 26<sup>th</sup> annual running of this 75-mile gimmick type Road Rally will be Sunday, April 23, 2006, rain or shine. Start any time between 9:00 AM and noon from Gould Chiropractic Center, 704 South Lilly Rd., Olympia, Wash. Take exit 109 (Martin Way) off Interstate-5, west on Martin Way, left on Lilly Rd., over freeway bridge and left into start. Finish and awards will be at a food-and-drink establishment in the Olympia area.

This is an Open Event for ALL street-legal vehicles. **Current registration and proof of insurance required at the start!** Put them in your car now, thank you very much. Cars also get a brief safety/tech inspection (lights, horn, signals, seat belts, etc.) The rally is sponsored by Corvettes de Olympia, co-sanctioned by Northwest Region, Sports Car Club of America. Many Miata teams have participated (with varying success!) for the last few years. Cars with driver & navigator follow a confusing route around country roads and try to find the answers to obscure questions about things you see along the way (sort of a motorized scavenger hunt.) The teams that get the most answers right win trophies at the finish. It's not a show, not a speed event, uses all paved roads and is a fun way to get out on the back roads and start the South Sound motorsports "season" with other cool car enthusiasts. There are dash plaques for every car, and dual trophies (driver and navigator) for the top five teams, plus the dreaded Dead Last But Finished award. Great huge piles of door prizes are given away (one ticket with your entry and you may buy lots more.) Your entire entry fee (\$15/car) goes to the Corvettes de Olympia Scholarship Fund for students in the automotive curriculum at South Puget Sound Community College. Last year CdeO awarded \$1500 in scholarships and the college matched the amount!

MORE RALLY INFO? Call the rallymaster Mark Twardzicki at (360) 459-1258 or e-mail MarkTwardzicki@att.net. And be sure to check the web site at [www.corvettesdeolympia.org](http://www.corvettesdeolympia.org) for flyer and optional pre-registration form early in 2006.

## Parade Information

By Bonnie Lohkamp



Just a short note to let everyone know that the parade season for the PSMC group is just about to start. Our first parades of the season are in May and will be the Sequim Parade on May 13<sup>th</sup> and the Bremerton Armed Forces Day Parade and the Poulsbo Viking Fest Parade, both held on May 20<sup>th</sup>. If you have never participated in a parade, come on out and try one and see if you don't get hooked. Still not sure? Then go to our website, click on "Parades" and take a look at some of the great parade photos from previous years to see if you might like to join in the fun.

Keep an eye on the website for updated information on all the above parades and more. For more information contact Bonnie Lohkamp at (425) 347-0361 or email me at [blohkamp@comcast.net](mailto:blohkamp@comcast.net). You can also contact Mindy Bohnas at (360) 895-0931 or email her at [fun4sun@wavecable.com](mailto:fun4sun@wavecable.com).

## upcoming events

### Search for Madonna\*

Meeting time & Place: Kirkland Keg Restaurant @ 8:30 AM

Hosted by the San Diego Miata Club  
PSMC Caravan by Dustin & Andrew Locke



The time draws near for our "Search For Madonna." This joint event with the San Diego Miata Club will be taking place at the Madonna Inn in San Luis Obispo, California from Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> to Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. As of now, we have 5 cars and 10 people confirmed with reservations. However, there is still time to join in all the fun. Folks can RSVP right up until May 3<sup>rd</sup> as there are still many rooms available for the dates of our trip. (Should they sell out, there is a Best Western right next door that always houses extra "searchers" for this event.)

Andrew and I will be leading a caravan on a leisurely three-day drive to the Madonna Inn, leaving Washington on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting at the Kirkland "Keg Restaurant" located at 10416 NE 38<sup>th</sup> Pl (off of SR 520) at 8:30 AM. We plan to depart at 9:00 AM for Ashland, OR, where we will spend the first night at the Holiday Inn Express (\$85-\$89 for the night; to reserve a room, call (888) 465-4329). On Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, we will make our way to Capitola, CA, where we will be staying the night at the Capitola Inn (for reservations, call (800) 660-2713). On the morning of Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, we will depart the Capitola Inn and take a leisurely Coastal Route and arrive at the Madonna Inn around Noon-1pm (which is right around the time the San Diego folks will be arriving).

The Madonna Inn features 109 uniquely Themed Rooms. We highly encourage you to start booking your rooms ASAP (arriving May 6<sup>th</sup>, departing May 8<sup>th</sup>). The more interesting rooms tend to book early. Please go to: [www.madonnainn.com](http://www.madonnainn.com) for room information as well as reservation information. Make sure to mention that you are with the Miata Club, as doing so will get you a bit of a discount for the Sunday Night rate. Once you have made your reservation, PLEASE, E-mail me at [sapphixae@yahoo.com](mailto:sapphixae@yahoo.com) OR call me (425-822-6894) and let me know your room, name year and color of car so we can composite a list of all Miata Club (SDMC & PSMC) members for the games as well as the Room Tour!

For more detailed information, please check out our article on the website calender at [www.ps-miata.org](http://www.ps-miata.org), and we hope to see you on the tour! Let's show those San Diego folks our PSMC spirit this year!!

### Remember

You can now get your Sounder via email instead of snail mail. It's easy, just send an email to [sounder@comcast.net](mailto:sounder@comcast.net)



### First Friday Formal

May 12, 2005 @ 7:30 PM

Emory's on Silver Lake, Everett

Hosted by Bonnie & Larry Lohkamp



PLEASE NOTE that due to the conflict with Cinco de Mayo and other club events, May's FFF will actually be held on the second Friday in May.

Come join us on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, as we once again visit Emory's on Silver Lake in Everett. Emory's has something for every palate with its wide selection of steaks, seafood, and pasta. (Plus they have a wonderful crab dip, to which those of us participating in last year's event were treated to by compliments of the house!). To see the variety of dishes, please go to their website at [www.emorys.com](http://www.emorys.com).

The event will be open to the first 20 people to RSVP. Seating time will be for 7:30 PM, and depending on the size of the group, meals offered will either be off the regular menu or by the manager's special selections. Updates will be available on the website, with menu information and directions as the date nears.

Please RSVP to [blohkamp@comcast.net](mailto:blohkamp@comcast.net) (or via the website) or call (425) 347-0361 (home) or (425) 330-3268 (cell).

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power you could want, in just one office) will also be vacant after the current term. Please keep in mind that just because an incumbent officer or director is crazy enough to run for another term, you are not precluded from entering your name as a nominee for any elected position. You may enter your name with the Nominating Committee (Maury at [president@ps-miata.org](mailto:president@ps-miata.org) or Randy at [membership@ps-miata.org](mailto:membership@ps-miata.org)) or at the Nominating Meeting. Information on what each position's duties are can be found in the PSMC Constitution in the Member's Only section of the club website: [www.ps-miata.org](http://www.ps-miata.org). Nominees may, but are not required to, submit a one-paragraph summary of qualifications and reasons for seeking office to the President by the tenth day of May, preceding the election.



The Nominating Meeting and Chili feed will be held at noon Saturday April 8, 2006 at the home of Maury Fugitt and Sandy McKnight in Port Orchard. Maybe, just maybe, there will be a short drive around rural Port Orchard and Olalla following the meeting.

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Please **RSVP** on our website so we can plan for you.

Directions to Coop's:

**From the North:** I-405 southbound; Take "Enumclaw/Renton" exit' Left at second light onto Hwy 169 (Maple Valley Hwy); Drive about nine miles; Right at light onto SE 231<sup>st</sup>, Stay in left lane and go up the hill to SE 210<sup>th</sup>: Turn left into Coop's (sign on the left)  
**From the South:** I-5 north: Take Hwy 18 exit North Bend/ Auburn: Take Maple Valley/Renton exit; Left over overpass on SE 231<sup>st</sup>, Stay in left lane and go up the hill to SE 210<sup>th</sup>; Turn left into Coop's (sign on the left)



## upcoming events

### Kelowna Topless Sun Run 2006

May 25 - 28, 2006

Hosted by the Okanagan Valley

Miata Club, BC; PSMC Caravan hosted by Fugitt/  
McKnight



It's time to register for this exciting international event! Even if you are not driving up with Maury and Sandy, you need to register for the event itself with the Okanagan Valley Miata Club as soon as possible as this event usually books up early.

Go to the website at [www.okmiataclub.com](http://www.okmiataclub.com) and click on the link for the Topless Sun Run. You will find all the information you need about the weekend's activities and three options for registration and clothing purchases.

Once you have registered for the event, consider making it a more relaxed weekend by driving up with Maury and Sandy. We will be leaving Thursday at 3:00 pm from Monroe, making our way over Stevens Pass and stopping the night at the Lake Pateros Motor Inn ([www.lakepaterosmotorinn.com](http://www.lakepaterosmotorinn.com)) in Pateros, WA. The hotel is right on the lake and all rooms face the water. Since it will be the Thursday night before Memorial Day Weekend, the town isn't busy and we will have a relaxing night at the hotel. After we arrive and check in, we'll make our way along the lake to Camperos Mexican Restaurant in Brewster, about 10 miles away for some outstanding Mexican Food.

In the morning, we'll make a stress-free start, since we're already halfway there! We will head up to Kelowna on the eastside of Lake Okanagan and will arrive at the hotel in plenty of time to check in, relax, and explore before the official weekend activities begin. Your return trip will be at a time and highway of your choice.

If you want to join us, please make your reservations early: [www.okmiataclub.com](http://www.okmiataclub.com) for Topless Sun Run and Best Western Kelowna instructions  
[www.lakepaterosmotorinn.com](http://www.lakepaterosmotorinn.com) for motel reservations on Thurs. May 25  
[zoom.zoom@yahoo.com](mailto:zoom.zoom@yahoo.com) **RSVP** via e-mail or on the PSMC website

If you have any questions e-mail us at [zoom.zoom@yahoo.com](mailto:zoom.zoom@yahoo.com) or call Maury or Sandy at 360-769-2497.



From the 2003 Topless Sun Run, Photo contributed by Maury Fugitt.

### Run for the Roses

June 9-11, 2006, Portland, OR

Hosted by Dale & Regena Weber



Portland, Oregon is having its annual Rose Festival in June. That's right, the city of Portland is throwing a party & we are going! Right smack dab in the middle of Portland's Rose Festival is the Portland Rose Cup Races held at the city owned Portland International Raceway. A popular weekend with West Coast racing enthusiasts for more than 40 years, the 2006 Rose Cup Races features Sports Car Club of America's Regional and National Championship point races with more than 400 amateur drivers in varied classes of race cars. One of those drivers is PSMC member Mark Brandt who will be competing in the Sports 2000 class. There will also be a Spec Miata class. Races are held throughout the weekend with the Rose Cup Race starting at 1:40 p.m., Sunday, June 11.

We intend to leave the Seattle area Friday morning, June 9<sup>th</sup> with our first destination being a visit to the Brandt's Pit area at Portland International Raceway (PIR). In the late afternoon we will check into our hotel. We have selected the Downtown Embassy Suites which is a wonderfully restored old hotel that is situated right in the middle of the Rose Festival activities as our base! The room rate is \$164 for a room with a King Bed. The rate for a room with 2 beds is \$184. Both include a full breakfast. Parking is an additional \$14 - \$22. If you would prefer to stay somewhere else we have a list of alternate lodging that is near a MAX station so you can still enjoy the group festivities. After you RSVP contact us & we will help you with making your room reservations.

Saturday is full of options! Some of us will catch the light rail MAX to PIR for the races. Others will enjoy the Rose Festival Parade at 10am which will be just a few blocks from the hotel. They then can enjoy the Saturday Market, shopping & art museum. In the evening we will regroup for dinner downtown & perhaps enjoy the waterfront village. And you have got to experience Voodoo Donuts in the evening!

Sunday also has its share of options. Some will want to return to PIR for the Rose Cup. Others will want to explore the Rose Festival festivities & downtown attractions before heading home. Some may want to take a detour through part of the Columbia River Gorge on the way home.

For more info, contact the Weber's @ [dale.regena@verizon.net](mailto:dale.regena@verizon.net) or call (425) 422-8430.



Mark Brandt at Portland International Raceways on October 29, 2005. Photo by Carl Hatfield.

## upcoming events

### The 17th Annual Historics Races\*

June 30th - July 2, 2006

Sponsored by SOVERN;

PSMC Host: Mike Springer

The Society of Vintage Racing Enthusiasts (SOVREN) and the SOVREN Guild of Children's Hospital, has announced the racing dates for the 17th Annual Pacific Northwest Historics as June 30th through July 2<sup>nd</sup>. This event is to be held at Pacific Raceways, formerly the 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 races.

Gates open at 8:30 AM. Our club will be in the "car corral" on Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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** and cost is \$25 per car and driver each day (passengers are an additional \$25); three day passes are \$40 driver and car or passenger. 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 (made out to PSMC) for the total amount to: Mike Springer, 2214 South Melrose Street, Tacoma, WA 98405. Please 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. If you have questions, call (253) 468-5291 or better yet, email me at [springerphoto@comcast.net](mailto:springerphoto@comcast.net). An application form will be made available for downloading on our website at [www.ps-miata.org](http://www.ps-miata.org).



image from [www.sovern.org](http://www.sovern.org)

### Central Oregon Covered Bridges & Pinot Noir \*

July 27 - 30, 2006

Start time & Place: 8:30 AM  
@ Sheri's Parking Lot, exit  
109 on I-5 So.



Event Coordinators: Houghton & Jaeger/Hayes

The Miata version of "Sideways" is moving further south into Oregon. We plan to chase down those Pinot Noirs wherever we can find them in the South Willamette valley. This may mean running across some of those famed "Covered Bridges," so bring your cameras.

We plan to meet at 8:45 AM at the Shari's parking lot located at the Sleater-Kinney Martin Way, exit 109 on I-5 south. We will have a short drivers's meeting and plan to be on the road by 9:15 AM.

We have reserved a block of 20 rooms at the Best Western Dallas Inn and Suites, Dallas, Oregon to use as a base for our endeavours. The rate is \$72.00+tax. To reserve your room contact the hotel at (503) 623 6000 and mention either my name (Ray Houghton) or the group reservation for the Puget Sound Miata Club. **YOU MUST RESERVE BY JUNE 15th OR THE ROOMS WILL NOT BE HELD. PLEASE RSVP TO HOSTS.** We are currently in the planning stage so watch for further updates on the web and in future Sounders after we have completed our pre-run. We look forward to seeing you all again

Please RSVP by June 15<sup>th</sup> to the website or to: Ray and Elsie Houghton, Tel: (425) 483-6741 or email [Raymond.Houghton@verizon.net](mailto:Raymond.Houghton@verizon.net) OR Paul Jaeger/Dawn Hayes, Tel: 425 349 1729 or email [Couguy81@aol.com](mailto:Couguy81@aol.com).

### Return to Tofino\*

October 11 - 15, 2006

Hosted by Aycock &  
Bojarski



The Headlands from [www.middlebeach.com](http://www.middlebeach.com)

In October, your Puget Sound Miata Club will be taking a trip to the wild West coast of Vancouver Island, British Columbia. Amazing scenery and the wonders of nature await us with opportunities for whale watching, hiking, and lots of relaxing. We'll be staying at the beautiful Middle Beach Lodge in Tofino, BC for three nights. We are planning a group dinner at the Lodge for one night and dinner out on the town another night. The days will be left open for you to explore the area and information on joining tours will be provided. For now, you can check out the place on: [www.tourismtofino.com](http://www.tourismtofino.com)

So, what should you do now that you're ready to make the trip? Because of the popularity of the Middle Beach Lodge, they are not able to block out space for our group. That just means you

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need to call them at (250) 725-2900 and book a room as soon as possible. Mention that you're with the Puget Sound Miata Club group and make the reservations for the three nights (October 12-14). Many different types of rooms and price ranges are available. Note that there are two facilities at Middle Beach. We'll be staying at the **HEADLANDS**. Please check out their website at: [www.middlebeach.com](http://www.middlebeach.com).

Secondly, you should make a reservation at the Coast Tsawwassen Inn for October 11. We have a block of rooms available there at a discounted rate of \$92 CDN, plus taxes. Call them at (800)943-8221 and mention that you are with the Puget Sound Miata Club.

We'll provide information later for ferry reservations, but be aware that we will be taking the 10:15 AM B.C. Ferry from Tsawwassen to Nanaimo Thursday morning, October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, email Bill Aycock at [totrod@speakeasy.net](mailto:totrod@speakeasy.net) to get on the confirmed list for the trip. We will be providing updates as the planning progresses and you don't want to miss the fun.

More detailed information is located on our website calendar at [www.ps-miata.org](http://www.ps-miata.org) and will be available in May's Sounder.

## event aftermath

# Red Wine & Chocolate Aftermath

Article by Bill Aycock; photos by Bill Aycock & Don Bojarski

"So what happens on these Miata trips of yours?"

My co-workers ask me that. My mother asks me that. The neighbors ask me that. So in the interest of enlightening our uninitiated readers, the Sounder presents a first-hand account of a "typical" club outing:

OK, this is looking good. I see a couple of other Miatas in the Edmonds ferry line. All shiny and ready on a slightly cold, gray day. Seems like a friendly crowd. One guy is handing out donuts, another seems to have loaned their spare Miata to the neighbor or something. My, my!

Off to the first regroup point. Which is exactly forty-two feet from the Kingston ferry dock. This could take a while.



First stop of the day: Kingston Park & Ride

All better now. We've had a big group introduction, I don't remember anyone's name, and they're all driving the same car. Uh oh. No worries, though, they seem to be experts at leading these tours. One nice lady is leading the first group, and her husband is leading a second group. Wow, they really are organized!

Oh, no! I'm in the husband-leader's group, we've made it about three miles, and he's lost! Everyone is on the CB trying to give directions, but husband seems to be looking for a nonexistent winery in Hansville, of all places.

Looking better again. I'm behind a nice couple with sweet Panasports on their car, and at least they know where they're going. With a little luck, we may get out of Kitsap county without further incident.

Excellent! The Panasports couple shepherd us along some stunning roads West of Port Townsend and we find the first stop, Fair Winds.

After a bit, husband-leader catches up with us. He's a leader, right? I can't remember. We sample good wine, munch chocolate from a fountain and wander off to Sorenson Cellars. Chat with a guy who is an original owner of a '53 MGTC. Wow.

We all meet up on the Port Townsend ferry dock and board the ancient MV Klickitat. We get serenaded by a guy playing a Celtic harp. No, a Celtic harp will NOT fit in the trunk of a Miata.

Off the ferry at Keystone, we travel another three hundred yards before a stop. The husband-leader seems to be standing in the middle of the highway counting Miatas. We depart.



Fearless but confused leader

Greenbank Farm is hosting a wine tasting and craft fair. Nice stuff. Irresistible chocolate.

Next stop is Greenbank Cellars. The little old winemaker drives a 1936 Cord Westchester (yes it's real) to work everyday! Oh, the wine is good too.

You know, these Miata people know how to travel. Not a single set of jumper cables was used all day. No Miata soiled the sparkling deck of the MV Klickitat with so much as a drop of leaked motor oil.

Power windows! On a sports car! And they work!

Oh yes, more wine and chocolate. Whidbey Island Vineyards and Winery. These guys have not only a Spec Miata race car on display, but a four-seater pushcar made from wine barrels. Oh, the wine is good. The pictures are inexplicably blurry. How many wineries did we go to? How do I get home?



Anyone wanna race?

So maybe I'll give these Miata people another chance. Couldn't be any nicer. Know how to travel. Great cars. Celtic harps on the ferry. What's not to love?

See you next trip!

Thanks to the following Miata dealers 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*

*Harbor Freight Tools (Everett store only) (425) 513-6213*

*Pinnacle Mazda of Renton (425) 271-2700*

*Russ Dunmire Mazda of Tacoma (253) 473-2440*

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

*Whidbey Island Mazda of Oak Harbor (360) 675-2218*

event aftermath

# Cheap N Cheezy VIII: The Return of Miata Gras No Words to Describe It!

*Photos by Mindy Bohnas &  
Mike Springer*



# Slush and Beyond

By Denise Williamson

120 entrants filled the Torquesteers February 12 autocross at Bremerton's, "Conesicles". There were a few PSMC members in attendance. Tom Slipp ran in the Time Only class; Dieter Beldi ran in the Open Street class; Glen Hernandez and Alan Dahl ran in the PRO1 class. Rich Hazleton gave autocross a try in the Novice AM class, and even won a fourth place trophy spot. Rich's son Erik won in the Novice PM class, but Rich was the quicker of the two.

February 26 was ACE's "Arse Chapping Extravaganza" at Bremerton, and arse chapping it was – the course was set up in the snow! The actual day of the autocross, however, was mostly dry for the 96 entrants. This time, there were three PSMC members in attendance: Alan Dahl (PRO1), Dieter Beldi (Open Street), and Tom Slipp (Time Only).

There was one more Slush event in March, and now the championship season has begun for the Western Washington area. The Bremerton Sports Car Club began their season March 19 in Bremerton; the Northwest Region SCCA will begin their season April 2 in Bremerton (some other autocrosses will be in Packwood); the Western Washington Sports Car Council (WWSCC) will begin their season in April or May, most likely in Everett. The WWSCC calendar is still being organized. However, PSMC is first in line for July 30 in Everett for Miatacross '06. Stay tuned!

## San Diego National Tour; March 4-5, Qualcomm Stadium

By Denise Williamson

32 Washington State drivers made the long drive down to San Diego for the SCCA National Tour, and most drove home with trophies.

**Street Prepared:** Sean Green and Scott Miller (co-driving Green's '71 Triumph TR6) won second and third place F Street Prepared trophies, respectively. Brianne Green and Karina Miller (driving the same car in F Street Prepared Ladies) placed first and second. Randy Wells placed fifth in F Prepared in his '72 Porsche 911. Scotty and LiNay White won first and second place A Street Prepared and A Street Prepared Ladies in the family Dodge Viper. In C Street Prepared, Ron Bauer won first and Jim Daniels (of Oregon) won second in Jim's Miata. In Modified, driving a 2001 Chevrolet Z06 Corvette, LJ Moffet placed second in Street Modified 2, and Angela Moffett placed first in Street Modified 2 Ladies.

**Stock:** Former PSMC member Joe Goeke won a first place B Stock trophy in his Mazda RX-8, while Stephen Hui and Glenn Austin placed sixth and seventh in Glenn's Nissan 350Z. Anna Hedly Goeke placed third in B Stock Ladies in the family RX-8. In D Stock, Jerry Lamb won a second place trophy in his BMW

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# April Autocross

For details see [wwscc.org](http://wwscc.org)

- 2 NWR/SCCA – SCCA Regional #1 at Bremerton
- 4 BSCC Monthly Meeting at Round Table Pizza, Gig Harbor
- 9 BSCC Event #2 at Bremerton
- 11 NWR/SCCA Solo Committee Meeting at Billy McHale's in Renton
- 17 WWSCC Council Meeting at Rogue Brewery
- 23 NWR/SCCA – SCCA Regional #2 at Packwood
- 29-30 SCCA Atwater NT at Castle Airport

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E Stock was dominated by Washington State drivers. Mike Lillejord won first place and Alan Dahl placed sixth in Mike's '94 Miata; Kevin Dietz won second place and Karl Coleman placed fifth in Karl's Toyota MR2; Greg Fordahl won third place in the family Porsche 944.

E Stock Ladies was composed entirely of drivers from Washington. Jodi Fordahl won first place in the family Porsche 944, and her Sunday times were the fastest of both E Stock \*and \* E Stock Ladies. Amy Olson won the second place trophy, and Kristina Ennesser placed fourth in Karl's MR2. Shelbi Zigler placed third in Mike's Miata.

Glen Hernandez and Jake Nygaard won second and third place trophies in Jake's Mini Cooper S in G Stock, and Annie Bauer won first in G Stock Ladies in Jake's car.

Keith and Kristi Brown won first place in H Stock and H Stock Ladies in the family Mini Cooper.

**Street Touring:** Alec Osenbach and Garrett Bickerdike won first and fifth place trophies in Street Touring Xtreme in a shared Subaru Impreza WRX.

Valerie Dyck placed second in Street Touring Xtreme Ladies in the same car.



*Glen Hernandez at the starting line. Photo taken anonymously by Glen's camera.*



*Alan Dahl at the finish line. Photo taken by Glen Hernandez.*

## around the 'town'



### 25th Annual LaConner Tulip Rallye

April 22, 2006, 9:00 AM  
Cascade Mall at Exit 320 on I-5  
*Sponsored by the MCGCCNWCC*

The Big 2-5! Come celebrate our silver anniversary running of the fabled Tulip Rallye! Special Commemorative Trophies will be awarded!

This event is a gimmick rallye, where questions take the place of time/distance checkpoints, so anyone should be able to compete successfully. All you need is a sharp eye and a sense of humor. Please note – speed is not recommended! You might want to pack a picnic lunch to enjoy at the end point while the scores are being tabulated. Our ending point is still a mystery – even to us. There will be a First Place finish for every car club that participates and non-club entrants can win in “open” class. This year’s course will revisit the beautiful countryside around LaConner and Whidbey Island. You and your navigator will enjoy spectacular scenery while touring, so don’t leave your camera behind.

For detailed information (and for cost, entry form, instructions and directions to the starting point), please go to [www.mgccnwc.com/tulip.htm](http://www.mgccnwc.com/tulip.htm). For more information call Ken Bottini at (425) 883-9615.



### West Penn MC's Miata Mountain Mania

June 15 - 18, 2006

Congratulations to the West Penn Miata Club! As of March 16<sup>th</sup> they exceeded their goal of registering 100 cars for their event. 125 cars will be attending Miata Mountain Mania, coming from as far north as New Brunswick, Canada and as far west as our “Lone Star State.” Registration for this event closed on March 17<sup>th</sup>, but keep your eyes posted on the website for future developments. PSMC wishes West Penn Good Luck on their upcoming event. May you make lasting friendships and wonderful memories. For more information, check out their website at [www.westpenmiataclub.com/mania.html](http://www.westpenmiataclub.com/mania.html).



Oct. 6 - 8, 2006, Leavenworth, WA

*Coordinated by John Hewitt, CMNW*

Backroads to Bavaria has been happening since 1995 and is thought by some to be one of the Pacific Northwest's favorite Miata/MX5 events. Bringing the Miata/MX5 community together from clubs throughout the region, the event occurs in conjunction with Leavenworth's Oktoberfest. The Enzian Inn, considered to be the best accommodation in the village, will be the base of all the action. Early registration is highly recommended as the event took a hiatus last year, plus this year a large contingent of Australian MX5 Club members will be joining the fun. For more information visit Club Miata Northwest's website at [www.clubmiata.com/events/2006/btob9.htm](http://www.clubmiata.com/events/2006/btob9.htm). or contact John Hewitt, event coordinator, at [backroads@clubmiata.com](mailto:backroads@clubmiata.com) or phone him at (360) 659-4248. A registration form may also be downloaded from [www.clubmiata.com/events/2006/BackroadsIX/B2BFlyerPublisher.pdf](http://www.clubmiata.com/events/2006/BackroadsIX/B2BFlyerPublisher.pdf).

## Explore Oregon

July 14 - 16, 2006

*Sponsored by the Willamette Valley & Mt. Hood Miata Clubs*

This annual three-day event starts with a barbeque in Salem, Oregon, Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. The weekend activities will include backroad caravans to Silver Falls, Mt. Hood and the Columbia Gorge. Saturday's activities include a show and shine, short local runs, fun parking lot antics, a banquet late in the afternoon, followed by a run to Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood for dessert and viewing the sunset. Sunday we will explore the Columbia Gorge. RSVPs are a must!

Check out some of the websites of interest to this event (listed below) and get your RSVP in!

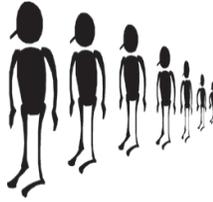
The Mt. Hood Miata Club at <http://mthood.org/index.aspx>  
Willamette Valley Miata Club at [www.oregonmx5.com/featured.htm](http://www.oregonmx5.com/featured.htm)  
The “Explore Oregon” Store at [www.cafepress.com/exploreoregon](http://www.cafepress.com/exploreoregon)  
The Resort at the Mountain at [www.theresort.com](http://www.theresort.com)



## New Faces

We hope to meet you at an event soon!

By Randy Umemoto



John Heater                      Bainbridge Island, WA                      06 Red

## Familiar Faces

Try a new Miata Event this year!

|                            |               |        |
|----------------------------|---------------|--------|
| Keith Newsom               | 93 White      | 11 yrs |
| David & Brita Enfield      | 91 Red        | 6 yrs  |
| Ken & Leeza Visconti       | 94 White      | 4 yrs  |
| Gary & Janice Johnson      | 95 Merlot     | 7 yrs  |
| Jim & Theda Walsh          | 04 Titanium   | 2 yrs  |
| Byard & Stephanie Bower    | 01 BRG        | 3 yrs  |
| Dieter & Laura Beldi       | 90 Red        | 6 yrs  |
| Tommy & Lindanne Gores     | 92 Red        | 8 yrs  |
| Robert Ranger              | 04 Titanium   | 8 yrs  |
| Becky Finley & Fred Staatz | 99 Mica Green | 1 yr   |
| Keith & Audrey Morrison    | 92 Red        | 2 yrs  |

## The Importance of Event Insurance Waivers

By Bonnie Lohkamp, CCO & Insurance Coordinator



Do you ever wonder why you have to sign on the dotted line every time you show up to one of PSMC's events? Well, now that the weather is finally starting to warm up and dry out and allowing tops to drop, we are going to be seeing more and more events show up on the club calendar. And along with those events, there will be a host come begging for your John Henry on one of those forms. Those forms, which some look at very suspiciously, are what protect you and your club officers from any liability springing up from some unforeseen mishap, and is a requirement from PSMC's insurance company. Although we rarely have something that tragic happen on our events, we all know the saying that it is better to be safe than sorry. (We did have a mishap a few years back when one of our club members rolled her car on a Backroads to Bavaria event; thank heavens she was all right and back in a Miata before you could blink an eye.) So, unfortunately, no signature, no event.

Prior to every event, I am required, as the Club's Insurance Coordinator, to mail the event's host(s) an insurance form, to be completed and signed by the host and all the event's participants. Along with the form, your host will find an enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope in which to return the form back to me. Returning the form is important, so that I may keep the form in our records in case of necessity. In addition, I will also phone the host the night before the event to make sure the host has received their form (and if not, I will make sure one will be available) and to remind the host to please mail it back once the event is completed.

So, please, keep in mind the club's policies and take the few minutes to sign our forms and to mail them back; remember, it is for your's and the club's protection.

Have a great summer and thank you to all our hosts for their hard work in setting up so many wonderful events.

## Thank You



Gayle Lazur would like to express her appreciation to all the club members who were able to attend George's "Celebration of Life" party on Sunday, March 12, 2006. Thanks to all of your generosity, over \$1,115 was raised for the Evergreen Chapter of ALS

through the silent auction and private donations. Gayle would also like to thank you all, "from the bottom of my heart," for all your love, support and prayers through their battle against ALS.



A Symbolic Farewell to George.  
Photos by Mindy Bohnas.

### Nominations continued from page 3

Directions to the meeting:

From Tacoma or Bremerton take the Mullinex exit off of State Route 16. Go west on Mullinex Road 2.2 miles until you come to the first stop sign on Olalla Valley Road. Turn **LEFT\*** on Olalla Valley Road and go .5 miles and turn left on Ebbert (careful here this is a blind corner!). Go another .5 of mile and turn left on Raven Ridge Place SE. Go another .3 of a mile to Glacier Ridge Place. Maury and Sandy's house is right on the corner, park creatively.



From the Southworth Ferry Dock take first left after leaving the dock area, Sedgwick Road. Go 2.3 miles and turn **LEFT** on Banner Road (There is a right on Banner Road .1 of mile prior to the left, but if you take this right you will be terminally lost). Go 2.1 miles and turn right on Olalla Valley Road. Go 1.2 miles and turn right on Ebbert. Go another .5 of mile and turn left on Raven Ridge Place SE. Go another .3 of a mile to Glacier Ridge Place. Maury and Sandy's house is right on the corner, park creatively.

# Zoomin' with the Prez

By Maury Fugitt

With summer fast approaching you will need to get your car cleaned up and ready for PSMC events. Detailing day on April 29<sup>th</sup> presents current and new members with the opportunity to get a professional detailing job as part of your PSMC membership. What could be better than that!



On April 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a nominating meeting at my house in Port Orchard. Most of the Officer and Director at Large positions have candidates and the last date to throw your hat into the ring will be that meeting. If you are interested and cannot attend be sure to let me know so I can enter your name on the ballot. Don't forget the chili feed and post meeting drive around the Port Orchard area!

After reviewing the instructions to the Nominating Meeting I found a grave error in the one from Tacoma or Bremerton. Please note the change:

From Tacoma or Bremerton take the Mullinex exit off of State Route 16. Go west on Mullinex Road 2.2 miles until you come to the first stop sign on Olalla Valley Road. Turn **LEFT\*** (not right) on Olalla Valley Road and go .5 miles and turn left on Ebbert (careful here this is a blind corner!). Go another .5 of mile and turn left on Raven Ridge Place SE. Go another .3 of a mile to Glacier Ridge Place. Maury and Sandy's house is right on the corner, park creatively. If you get lost call me at 360-769-2497.

I hope to see you all at April events and keep on Zoomin' . . . Maury



## From the Editor's Desk

By Cindy Smith

Whew! I can sure tell the Miata Season is about to start. This month putting together the Sounder was a real challenge. I had 15 submissions for

upcoming events, 2 past event articles, 4 "extra" articles, plus all the regular features to try and cram into twelve pages. But I am here to tell you that I made it! Although with some of the upcoming event\* articles, I had to do a little creative "skimming" so they would fit. Rest assured, though, they were passed on to the website calendar ([www.ps-miata.org](http://www.ps-miata.org)) in their unadulterated form, and all the important data, such as hotel numbers and RSVP dates were kept intact. Next month, as some events go off the calendar, there should be plenty of room for me to publish them in their entirety, complete with schedules and fun-filled facts.

But the main thing that I want to let you know is that I understand how important it is to you, the event host and contributing writers, to have your articles published in a timely fashion. I also want you to know that I will do everything possible to get your submissions in the next upcoming edition following your submission. And if that means doing a little bit of creative "editorial skimming," then I hope you'll understand. I promise that I will do my best in not "butchering" or "mutilating" the hard work that it took to compose your articles. Be aware, I understand the meaning of "pride of authorship" (being an English major and having Tom edit some of my work - ARGHHH!).

If you have any comments or questions about my work here as **your** editor (or would like to see something special addressed in the Sounder), please feel free to call me [(360) 668-550] or drop me an email at [tomaci@verizon.net](mailto:tomaci@verizon.net).



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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 monthly newsletter and operating supplies constitute a financial burden that must be met by the membership. Make your Miata experience more enjoyable-join and participate. To keep the club meaningful and solvent, we need your support.

To join go online at [ps-miata.org](http://ps-miata.org) or send your name, address and check for \$30 (annual chapter dues) to:

**Puget Sound Miata Club**  
3901 SW Hanford  
Seattle WA 98116

# 2006 Calendar

For details about these events or to **RSVP**, check out the Calendar at [ps-miata.org](http://ps-miata.org)

## April 2006

- 1 Magical Miata Mystical Tour, hosted by Weber & Brandt (see page 1)
- 7 First Friday Formal, hosted by Springer (see page 1)
- 8 PSMC Nominating Meeting at , hosted by Fugitt & McKnight (see page 1)
- 23 All City Rallye XXVI, sponsored by CdeO and NW Region SCCA (see page 2)
- 29 Detailing Day, hosted by Coop's Miata (see pg 1)

## May 2006

- 3-8 Search for Madonna Tour, hosted by Locke (see page 3)
- 13 Sequim Parade
- 25-28 Kelowna Topless Sun Run B.C. Canada, hosted by OVMC; caravan organized by Fugitt/McKnight (see page 4)

## June 2006

- 3 Shelton Parade
- 9-11 Portland Rose Cup Run, hosted by Weber (see page 4)
- 15-18 Miata Mountain Mania, hosted by WestPenn Miata Club
- 17 PSMC Elections, hosted by PSMC Board
- 24 Port Orchard Parade
- 25 Guns & Roses II, hosted by Fugitt & McKnight
- 30-2 Historics, hosted by Springer (see page 5)

## July 2006

- 4 Kingston Fourth of July Parade
- 8 Drive-in Movie Run, hosted by Locke
- 22 Miatas do LaConner - Bring Your Own Blanket, hosted by Mackey & Huckleberry
- 27-30 Pinot Noir Wine Tour in North Central OR, hosted by Houghton & Hayes/Jaeger (see page 5)
- 30 Chinatown Parade
- 30 PSMC Miatacross (Tentative Date)

## August 2006

- 12 Sundown/Twilight Run, hosted by Locke
- 19 Dog Day Afternoon, hosted by Mudie
- 20 Run Around the Bases II, Double Play, hosted by Dennis Thompson & Joanie Hughes
- 26 LeMay Car Show, hosted by Springer
- 27 PSMC Gathering, hosted by PSMC Board

## September 2006

- 3 South Bend Labor Day Parade
- 9 Mukilteo Parade
- 10 Run Round Rainier V, hosted by Sabel
- 23 Leavenworth Parade
- 24 North Cascade Hwy Run, hosted by McGranaghan

## October 2006

- 6-8 Backroads to Bavaria IX, hosted by CMNW
- 7 ALS Walk, hosted by Lazur
- 7 Shelton Oyster Fest Run (to follow after the ALS Walk), hosted by Ohlsen & Smith
- 12-15 Return to Tofino, hosted by Aycock, Bojarski and Friends (see page 5)
- 28 Haunted Places Tour, hosted by Smith

## November 2006

- 3 First Friday Formal, hosted by Ohlsen
- 5 Planning and Board Meeting in the Southend, hosted by PSMC Board
- 11 Veteran's Remembrance Run, hosted by Smith and Weber
- 19 Turkey Teaser, hosted by McGriff
- 25 Tacoma Holiday Parade

## December 2006

- 9 PSMC Holiday Party, hosted by PSMC Board
- 16 Holiday Light Run, hosted by Locke

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