

Miata Sounder



THE FIRST OFFICIAL UNITED STATES MIATA CLUB

December 2015

Puget Sound Miata Club Elections, Planning Board Meeting Held on October 17, 2015 Revisted

On October 17, 2015, Milan Mazda in Puyallup, PSMC elected the 2016 Officers and Board Members, planned the 2016 Calendar Events, and had a Pot Luck. New Officers and Board Members elected are:

President: Ross Scott

Vice President: Open: Past President becomes Vice President per the PSMC Constitution until a Vice President is elected.

Secretary: Open

Treasurer and Webmaster: Sean McGriff

Past President: Bill Bell

Members at Large: Frank Shriver, Mike Springer, Tom Millar, Pam McGriff, Vickie Olson, and Allan Ohlsen.

Membership: Charlotte Fellers

Sounder Assistant: Lillian Springer

The meeting started at 11am with a pot luck lunch at Milam Mazda in Puyallup in their upstairs meeting room.

The planning board meeting added a mountain run with many of the exciting events for 2016. More details of the events in future Sounders.

Holiday Open House December 12, 2015 Hosted by Charlotte Fellers

Time: 12/12/2015 at 2pm

Contact: 253-333-7442

Remember the "good ole' days" when your company had a nice Christmas party to help get you into the Christmas spirit? Well, we've moved into the New Millennium where many of us don't get those great Christmas parties at work anymore. (Cheapskates!) So plan on attending a get-together at the home of past-president and membership coordinator Charlotte Fellers' house. You all know you get those membership packets in the mail every year. Wouldn't you like to meet the person behind the mail? You know you would! Going for a fourth year and counting, this annual holiday open house will take place on December 12. Be sure to mark your calendar and make note of these details:

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General Membership Meeting
January 23, 2016
Lee Johnson's Mazda in Kirkland
Hosted by PSMC Board

Shop for PSMC Gear!

On Saturday, January 23, 2016, PSMC will be holding its first General Membership and Board Meeting in 2016 under the new President Ross Scott. The location is Lee Johnson's Mazda in Kirkland. The meeting kicks off at 11am (directions are at the end of this article) and Charlotte Feller's has volunteered to bring food and drinks. We will update and add events to the event calendar for 2016, discuss topics, and have a board meeting. All members are encouraged to attend.

Address: Lee Johnson Mazda,
 11845 NE 85th St, Kirkland, WA
 98033

Directions from I-405 in Kirkland:

At exit 18, take the ramp heading East on WA-908 East toward Redmond onto WA-908 / NE 85th St, Mazda/Kia/CHEVROLET on the corner, Turn right onto 120th Ave NE, Arrive at 120th Ave NE on the right. We will be in the main building on the second floor. Entrance and parking are in the back of the building across from the service center.



Did you know we have Puget Sound Miata Gear for sale on the website? That is right, we do! The PSMC has two different types of T-Shirts and a Travel Mug for sale in the "Shop for PSMC Stuff!" The link to the website is:

<http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org/page-1860195>

The T-Shirts range in size from Small to 5X and the Travel Mug is the 25th Anniversary of Puget Sound Miata Club from 1989 to 2014. Check it out and order your T-Shirts and Travel Mug today and look cool at the next PSMC event.

PSMC Web Links

Puget Sound Miata Club main link:
<http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org/>

Event Calendar: <http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org/page-1624266>

Past Sounder's: <http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org/page-1715169>

PSMC Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/Puget-Sound-Miata-Club-287863897911244/>

Upcoming Events — Something for Everyone!

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

December

Dec 12 [Holiday Open House Hosted by Charlotte Fellers](#)

January

Jan 05 [First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social](#)

Jan 21 [Third Thursday Cruise-In Social](#)

Jan 23 [PSMC 1st Quarter Meeting](#)

February

Feb 02 [First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social](#)

Feb 13 [The Valentine's Park and Sip Tour Third Thursday Cruise-In Social](#)

Feb 18 [Third Thursday Cruise-In Social](#)

March

Mar 01 [First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social](#)

Mar 17 [Third Thursday Cruise-In Social](#)

April

Apr 05 [First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social](#)

Apr 21 [Third Thursday Cruise-In Social](#)

May

May 03 [First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social](#)

May 14 [Viking Fest Parade](#)

May 19 [Third Thursday Cruise-In Social](#)

Miata Helpful Links

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

Happy Holidays
from Puget
Sound Miata
Club



Drive Safe Everyday!



“The End of the Year Party” Recap At Lombardi’s

On a rainy day, the End of the Year Party was held on Saturday, November 7th at Lombardi's in Mill Creek. The event started with cocktails at 11:30am followed by dinner around 12:30pm. Lombardi's provided delicious appe-



tizers and four main course items that included salmon. After dinner, a special Thank You was given by the President to the Board and members, and awards were given to this year's Event Hosts.



A President's Award was presented

to the individual who contributed the most in the 2015, This year's award went to Ross Scott for his contributions to PSMC including 1st Tuesday's, Sounder contributions, and many others.



Door prizes were given away. Congratulations to All! Additional Pictures on Page 7.



**Holiday Open House
December 12, 2015
Hosted by Charlotte Feller
Continued**

Continued from Page 1:

Club members will have a unique opportunity to stop in for a beverage and a snack and a visit with old, and sometimes new friends. The open house will begin any time after 2 p.m. and ends when the last person leaves. But please—don't all come at once! This is a smaller home and sometimes it becomes a 'standing room only' situation. Plan your day around any other activities you may be doing and just



work it into your schedule as your time permits. There will be punch and many appetizers and sweets to tempt you.

Feel free to bring a beverage of your choice to drink or share if you wish. No need to bring gifts or your own contribution to the food table, but if you just can't walk in the door empty-handed, then bring something to share if you wish. This is meant to be a way to reconnect with friends and catch your breath amid the hustle and bustle of a busy month-- not be "one more thing to do that takes up my time." If you are just too worn out to come, then stay at home with a good book in

front of the blazing fireplace. Either way, it's sure to be a win-win!

Location: Auburn, WA

Directions: From Hwy 18, either direction, take the Auburn-Black Diamond Exit. At the end of the exit, turn left heading into Auburn city limits. This road curves around and through some country roads and crosses the railroad tracks, where it bends to the right. At the stop sign, go straight and continue another four blocks, and turn right onto 4th St. The house is about 7 down on the right-hand side of the street, #1800. Park anywhere on the right side of the street or in the driveway.

**Miatas In Utah VII Deer Valley
June 22-25, 2016**

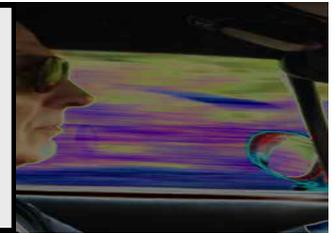
Howdy to our Miata friends! Please take a few minutes to check out the Utah Miata Club Dec. 2015 Newsletter <http://www.utahmiataclub.org/> for NEW information on Miatas In Utah VII Deer Valley June 22-25, 2016 event. **Also, the registration fee goes UP on Jan. 1, 2016....save some \$\$\$\$ and register now.** Please share with your club members who maybe thinking about attending Miatas In Utah VII Deer Valley.

In this newsletter is also **NEW** information on the **2017 Utah Miata Club 15 Day Viking River Cruise Grand European Tour.**

Hope you enjoy the newsletter and our new website,

Donn Cichocki
Utah Miata Club

Ruminations of a Miata Driver New Cars, New People By Ross Scott



Driving In The Slow Lane

By Ross Scott

I have always been a fast lane driver. I think I picked it up from my dad who would punch it into passing gear when overtaking another car. When he got around, he would look at me and say, "We're the head of the lead!" This could be repeated, depending on traffic. I caught onto the idea even though his syntax was questionable.



There were no four-lane highways back then so passing was an adventure in itself. When a person presented themselves to the car in front, courtesy dictated waving the faster car around when it was clear. Many times the car in front could see around a curve and signal ok-to-pass. I am not so sure I would trust someone these days like that. Too many psychos on the road now. Besides, there are multi-lane roads full to the berm, with the passing lane permanently occupied. This is a good argument for the open Miata road, but everyday practicalities interfere.

One day, just for the fun of it, I decided to stay in the slow lane when I entered the longest parking lot. It was kind of fun be-

ing part of an automotive ballet, with the cars on the on-ramp merging into the line of cars in the slow lane. No hurry here, as no one is trying to cut me off, except to exit. The fast, or passing, lane is not all that fast, and not much passing happens, at least during rush hour. In fact, so many people want to get in that lane, traffic stops to let cars in after each entrance ramp, even with lights to control feed. So, there I am being mellow in the slow lane, being cool.

Of course, unfortunately, I am a chip off the old block. So, when traffic clears and cars spread out, I punch it and move left, looking for that opening that will get me to that mythical, "Head of the lead!"

Rev that Miata!

Puget Sound Miata Club 2016 Parades

Each year, the PSMC supports the Viking Fest Royalty in driving them in several parades. The parades 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 from May to September and 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 volunteers to drive the Royalty group. If you would like to be a driver, please contact Mindy Bohnas at fun4sun@wavecable.com or Bill Bell at ar-bill@hotmail.com. We would be happy to have you join us in the next parade.

“The End of the Year Party” Additional Pictures



President's Message

By Bill Bell

Hello Fellow Members:

The Holidays are here and 2016 is just a few weeks away. The board has been busy and has accomplished many things in the last two months. The General Meeting held in October at Milam Mazda in Puyallup, the board scheduled next year's calendar events to include:

- * 1st Tuesday and 3rd Thursday events
- * Detailing Day
- * Parades
- * The Great Northwest Gathering
- * General Membership Meetings.

If you would like to host an event, please contact a board member. Events will be added throughout the year. Please check the web-site for updated events and dates. On December 12, Charlotte Feller is hosting a Holiday Open House beginning at 2pm. Details are on page 1. The next General Board Meeting is January 23 at 11am at Lee Johnson's Mazda in Kirkland. Details are on page 2.

As we close out 2015, this is my last President's Message. Elections were held in October and Ross Scott was elected as the new President. I want to personally thank the board for stepping up and volunteering: Ross Scott, Sean and Pam McGriff, Sandra Wallace, Mike Springer, Frank Shriver, Tom Millar, Vickie Olson, Tom Mackey, and the Parade Coordinator Mindy Bohnas during my terms, and I want to thank everyone who has hosted an event. Without you, the volunteers, we would not be what we are today!

Also, I want thank the membership for allowing me to be your President the last 2 1/2 years. In that time, we have updated the Constitution and Bylaws, added events, and new members. Many of the board members have agreed to continue on in 2016, and help with club events.

In closing, this has been a wonderful and fun experience. I have learned a lot about the club and made many new friends. Some of the best times have been at the social events. I will continue to take pictures, be the Sounder editor, host events, become the Past President and the Vice President until a member is elected in accordance with the Constitution. Thank you for your support the past 2 1/2 years and best wishes to Ross Scott as he takes us into 2016.

Happy Holidays!! See You Next Year!

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Puget Sound Miata Club

Nametags



New name tags are now available!

The PSMC Board is excited to roll out our new name tags. These will be sent automatically to members of record upon renewal or when you join the PSMC. The name tags will be included with your membership but only one per member will be included. So, if you have a “navigator” or anyone else who would like a name tag, you will need to order it and pay \$10 per name tag. These will be generated upon receipt of your payment and mailed out to you once they are made.

The name tag is designed on a white background and features the iconic PSMC logo, your name, and along the bottom, on a Kelly green background, the words, “The First Miata Club in the Nation”, printed in white. The back of the name tag has a sturdy magnet fastener so you won’t need to worry about poking holes in your clothing when you wear it.

You are welcome to order as many additional name tags as you wish. To order additional name tags, please clearly print the name you want on the name tag and include a check for \$10 for each name tag to cover the production cost and shipping cost.

Mail both to:

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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 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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 Renton, WA 98057

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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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