

Miata Sounder

THE FIRST OFFICIAL UNITED STATES MIATA CLUB

November/December 2016

End-of-the-Driving Season Party Hosted by PSMC Board

The "End of the Driving Season" is upon us, so why not have a party to celebrate!

This year's party will be at:

Johnny's Dock Restaurant and Marina in Tacoma. The address is 1900 E. D Street, Tacoma, WA 98421.

Reservations required by October 29th.

The party begins with a social hour, with lunch to start at 2 pm.

For directions: www.johnnysdock.com

Menu Choices:

Charbroiled Salmon Fillet

The best of the available seasonal catch, finished on our charbroiler, basted with our house seafood butter. With rice pilaf

Slow Roasted Prime Rib

Herb crusted, served with au jus, horseradish sauce and Parmesan mashed potatoes - Dockside Cut

Pugets Pullet

Sautéed chicken breast, shrimp and artichoke hearts loaded with a Sherry Parmesan cream sauce .

Cost is \$25, which covers the meal and gratuity.

Appetizers will be provided by the club, coffee and tea is included, beer, soft drinks & alcoholic drinks can be ordered.

You can pay your registration fee online or mail a check to: Sean McGriff, Treasurer, 222 Wells Ave. N. Renton, WA 98057

Holiday Open House December 10, 2016

Hosted by Charlotte Fellers:

Time: 2pm to 10:30pm

Location: 1800 4th Street NE,
Auburn, WA 98002

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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 fifth year and counting, this annual holiday open house will take place on December 10. Be sure to mark your calendar and make note of these details: **Continued on Page 2**

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Holiday Open House Continued

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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

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!

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.

**No need to register for this event. Just show up.



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,

End-Of-The-Driving

Season Party is

Nov 05, 2016

Please Register by October 29th

Upcoming Events — Something for Everyone!

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

November: Nov 01 First Tuesday Cruise-In Social

Nov 05 End-Of-The-Driving Season Party, See Page 1

Nov 17 Third Thursday Cruise-In Social

December: December 10 Holiday Open House, Charlotte Feller's Host, See Page 1

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January: Jan 03 First Tuesday Cruise-In Social

Jan 19 Third Thursday Cruise-In Social

Jan 21 PSMC First Quarter Meeting

February: Feb 07 First Tuesday Cruise-In Social

Feb 11 Valentine's Day Park and Sip Tour

Feb 16 Third Thursday Cruise-In Social

March: Mar 07 First Tuesday Cruise-In Social

Mar 16 Third Thursday Cruise-In Social

April: Apr 04 First Tuesday Cruise-In Social

Apr 8 PSMC Second Quarter Meeting

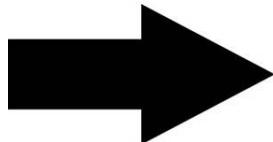
Apr 20 Third Thursday Cruise-In Social

Apr 22 MG Car Club 35th Annual Tulip Rallye

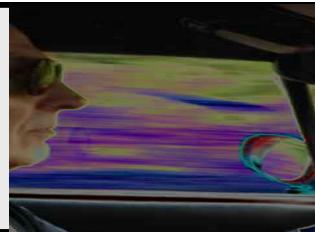
Events will be added when they are scheduled.

Miata Helpful Links

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



Ruminations of a Miata Driver



Predictions Of The Future
By Ross Scott

I love to read about and see illustrations of different predictions of the future. I remember the GM Parade of Progress demonstration at Woodland Park Zoo in the 50's. The only thing that survived the "Kitchen of the Future," was the microwave, and that still does not do a decent batch of cookies and frozen dinners heated in them still taste like frozen dinners heated in a microwave. Then there was the Chrysler turbine car. What a fantastic concept! It would burn anything from hair tonic, (this was the 50's after all), to vodka and was a very powerful motivator. The program was scrapped, of course, and only a couple of examples exist in collections to this day.

One only has to take a look at all of the "concept cars," that never made it, (all of them), and predictions from the near past of flying cars. Sure they exist, but they have not done one thing to alleviate the rush hour traffic jams. We will could all live in one big building and take the elevator to work, but the vertical traffic would probably be just as packed.

This got me to thinking. It seems like the best way to prevent something from occurring in the future is to predict it. Even better when an "invented-by," date is given. So we should be careful and keep predicting dumb stuff so the really good stuff can happen. Star Trek probably killed faster-than-light travel using warp speed, and who knows what other useful inventions. We have to be careful about what we talk about and what we think about. Woe would be unto us if someone started predicting things that would actually happen. That could be the end of the world as we know it!

Drive that Miata while you still can!

Pacific Beach Frolic Hosted by Tom and Cindy Millar

Eight cars and sixteen souls departed from the casino parking lot in Shelton at about noon on September 17th 2016. Although it had rained earlier in the day, Mother Nature took pity on us



and allowed a top-down run all the way to the Pacific Beach resort. The familiar, yet refreshing route took us along highways of yesteryear and twisty logging roads converted to civilian use after the Big Cut and a really nice coastal section

from the earliest days.



After a very nice dinner in the resort restaurant, the jolly group

adjourned to one of the numerous "Party Rooms" that are provided to guests of the hotel. Once again, everyone was amazed at the depth and quality of the potluck provided by the Miata fun-group. After a quiet breakfast the next day, the frolickers wended their way back home undoubtedly looking forward to more fun in the future at Pacific Beach!

Mahogany, Merlot, and Miatas V

Revisited by Allan Ohlsen

Mahogany, Merlot & Miatas V revisited by Allan Ohlsen

The roar of hydros, the twisty roads and the taste of merlot made a great weekend with friends on our fifth annual Mahogany, Merlot & Miatas trip. Lake Chelan continued to deliver perfect weather while the usual rain was happening on the west side of the Cascade's.



Seven Miatas left Monroe on Friday, mostly with tops up. After a rest stop just short of Leavenworth, the tops came down to enjoy the warmth of sunshine and the breezes of eastern Washington. Michelle, from Tunnel Hill Winery, our first winery stop in Chelan, was waiting for us, where we enjoyed lunch and of course, some wine. Tsillan winery was our next stop before easing into Campbell's Resort. Our Miatas joined a multitude of other sport cars and vintage antiques dotting the parking lot.

Campbell's is a very relaxing, upscale place right on the shore of Lake Chelan. It also has a first-class restaurant and bistro on site. Even though Chelan has many fine places to eat dinner, our group chose Campbell's Bistro for dinner that Friday night, a great choice. After dinner you were free to visit, go on the town or relax in the pool and spa.

9am, Saturday morning, the lake came to life with boating activities. Imagine having the roar of vintage, unlimited hydroplanes right off your balcony. The hydro-pits are a short walk from Campbell's. Checking out the boats brought us into an area of vendors, boat and car displays, and more food and wine. Next to the hydro-pits, the small marina was filled with vintage wooden boats from the likes of Chris-craft and Gar Woods.

Like I said, this trip is for relaxing. The itinerary is loose. Do what you want or as little as you want. Go for a drive, stay around the hydros, relax in a chaise lounge, or go on a wine tour. At noon, many of us were led by wine tour extraordinaire Ray Houghton through the back roads around Manson for a couple wineries where we had the lunches we brought. A few of us even had the privilege of visiting PSMC members, Brad and Pam Gibb's beautiful new home in Manson overlooking the lake. It was all fun.

Back at Campbell's, Karen and Bill Cooper were heading up the planned Saturday BBQ potluck dinner. For a small fee, hamburgers and brats were provided and we brought the rest. The highlight of the meal though had to be Pam's beans, they are truly awesome. After a long day, we sat around visiting in the party room of the Cooper's. Many wished they could stay another night, there is so much to see and do. I can't wait to do it again next year.

It was another successful Miata trip. Mahogany, Merlot & Miatas VI is coming in 2017, the first weekend in October. If this appeals to you, please sign-up, you will have a great time.



Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas In Pictures

August 6, 2016



Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas

In Pictures Continued



Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas

In Pictures Continued



**First Tuesday and
Third Thursday Cruise-
In Socials In November
and
January through June**

President's Message

By Ross Scott

Once again fall has arrived right on time, abbreviating the already short topless season in this part of the country. In the recent past, the summer would segue into October allowing us a pleasant September ramp down into fall. This year, a page was turned overnight from sun to rain. One big plus is that by the time you read this, there will only be six or so weeks before the days start getting longer again bringing warmer days and sunny drives.

On October 15th, 2016, elections for officers and board positions in Puget Sound Miata Club were held at Milam's Mazda in Puyallup. There was a unanimous vote to carry over all board members and their positions from 2016 to 2017, with the exception of new board member Ingvar Carlson, covering the Kitsap Peninsula. Welcome to the board Ingvar!

Meanwhile, there are still club activities regardless of the weather. First there is the End-Of-the-Driving-Season Party at Johnny's Dock in Tacoma on November 5th from 1 to 4PM. Don't miss it. There will be door prizes and awards. Then on December 10th is Charlotte Feller's Holiday Open House from 2:30 to 10:30PM. Great food and even greater people!

On January 21st, 2017, PSMC will hold its 1st quarter business and planning meeting to take care of old and new business and add events for the coming year. Come to this meeting at Lee Johnson Mazda in Kirkland with your ideas. There are plenty of open dates on the 2017 calendar. Nothing happens in this club without volunteers to make it happen. Maybe you have been a member for several years and have enjoyed the people and the events and have some good ideas. The board meets four times a year and sponsors two events and hosts a third, so far. Volunteer to be on the board, help out with the operations of the club or introduce a new club event. We need a person to help out with membership management, for instance. You will make a difference.

Now don't bury your Miata so deep in the garage for the winter that you cannot pull it out for the inevitable, (I hope), winter high pressure system in January or February. Get out there with the top down and enjoy the season! Kind of like a 116 horse sleigh with your cheeks turning red in the freezing air. And just like the one horse sleigh, a lap blanket really helps. Let us embrace the weather we cannot change.

Drive that Miata!

Ross



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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 c/o Charlotte Fellers

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If you would like to contribute an article or you took photos of an event you'd like to share, remember these guidelines:

- Send 3-5 of your best photos, not 20-30.
- Send us your JPEGS since we need to Photoshop them anyway.
- When sending news items, use one space at the end of sentences, not two. It saves space in the publication.
- Send all written materials in Arial and as attachments, i.e. word doc or docx or file text.
- The deadline is the 15th of the next month. Please observe it!

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Mazda of Everett (425) 353-3403

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