

# Miata Sounder



THE FIRST OFFICIAL UNITED STATES MIATA CLUB

July 2016

## Whistlin' Jack's Run July 9th @ 10am

**Location: Enumclaw Chamber of Commerce**  
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' Jack's restaurant. Maybe two hours, tops.

The meeting place for the start of the run will be the large parking lot behind the Chamber of Commerce building, 1421 Cole Street, Enumclaw WA 98022.

You will enjoy many beautiful sights on this drive. 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 trees that people usually like to use as a backdrop for a photo op. Once we finish there we'll head on to the next stops, which 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.

Bring a snack to eat in the car if you wish, but we plan to arrive at Whistlin' Jack's Restaurant for lunch, so no need for much food planning.

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## The Great Northwest Gathering Of Miatas Hosted by the PSMC Board

**Date and Location: August 6th, Griot's Garage, Tacoma, WA**

It's time again to mark your calendars to attend the annual Gathering of Miatas. As in past years, we have scheduled the cabana at Griot's Garage in Tacoma for our event this year.

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 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 supplies they sell and why they are such good products. Their address is: 3333 S. 38th St, Tacoma. You can check out their website at [www.griotsgarage.com](http://www.griotsgarage.com)

So, we'll 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.

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Event Masters are encouraged to get their event info to the editor as soon as possible to ensure all members can plan for the event.

Send your submissions to:

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## Miata Fly-In

July 23, 2016 @ 8am

Edmonds, WA

### Hosted by Sally Brandt & Ingvar Carlson

Join us for a fun Miata drive starting in Edmonds, ending in Concrete, WA, where our cars will be



guests on display at the Antique Airplane Fly-In. A 100 mile scenic backroads drive will get us there, with a couple of stops along the way. At the Concrete airport, a space has been prepared for our Miatas around 1pm. At the Fly-In will be food vendors and many antique planes on display as well as our cars. We will meet 8AM at the Starbucks across from Costco/ Home Depot at N 205th & Aurora Ave. N. After a driver's meeting we will depart at 8:15 AM..

To get to Starbucks take Exit # 177 off of Hwy . Then go towards Edmonds on Hwy 104. After exiting Hwy 5 and U go under the overpass set your OD to Zero. At.9 miles get into left lane onto N205th. This is where Panera Bread Café is . Then at 1.2 Turn Left at the signal. You will see Chase Bank and Scotts on the Rt. After your left turn is Office Max and Home Depot. Go to Starbucks at the far end of Home Depot.

For those of you on the East Side we have a meeting place at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church Highway 9 and 20th street SE at approx 9:00 AM. Meet in the back parking lot.

Please RSVP for this event, and if you have CB or handhelds bring them.

Any questions, contact Sally Brandt (360) 774-6195 email: [sallyjo02@gmail.com](mailto:sallyjo02@gmail.com)

## 2016 Opel - Miata Gathering

July 30, 2016 @ 10am

Kelley's Kafe, Spanaway, WA

Come to this 26th annual Opel - Miata car show event at Kelly's Kafe in Spanaway. Please note the change of venue to Spanaway, Kelley's Kafe

16302 Pacific Avenue South  
Spanaway, WA

There is more room here for cars and festivities! There will be prizes and entertainment, featuring Elvis impersonator and radio celebrity, Shane Cobain. This is probably the be-in of the year for Miata enthusiasts that like to see and be seen. Registration is free for Miatas. Hosted by John Boespflug. Contact John at 253-581-5372 or 253-222-4671 for registration.

## Upcoming Events — Something for Everyone!

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

**July:** Jul 02 28th ANNUAL PACIFIC NORTHWEST HISTORICS CAR CORRAL

Jul 05 Inter-Club Cruise-In Social, 07/05/2016

Jul 09 Whistlin' Jack's Run

Jul 14 Explore Oregon (Hosted by Willamette Valley Miata Club)

**Jul 16 Drive to Admiralty Lighthouse-CANCELLED**

Jul 30 Silverdale Whaling Days Parade

Jul 30 2016 Opel - Miata Gathering

**August:** Aug 02 First Tuesday Cruise-In Social

Aug 06 Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas

Aug 13 Mt. Baker Run

Aug 27 Crystal Mountain Summit Drive

**September:** Sep 10 Halfway and Back Tour (Hosted by the Willamette Valley Miata Club)

Sep 17 Pacific Beach Frolic

Sep 24 Leavenworth Autumn Leaf Festival Parade

Sep 30 Mahogany, Merlot & Miatas V

**October:** Oct 04 First Tuesday Cruise-In Social

Oct 15 Fourth Quarter Planning and Board Meeting

Oct 20 Third Thursday Cruise-In Social

**November:** Nov 01 First Tuesday Cruise-In Social

Nov 05 End-Of-The-Driving Season Party

Nov 17 Third Thursday Cruise-In Social

**December:** No Events Planned At This Time

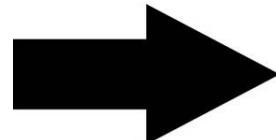
**January:** Jan 03 First Tuesday Cruise-In Social

Jan 19 Third Thursday Cruise-In Social

Events will be added when they are scheduled.

## Miata Helpful Links

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



# **28th ANNUAL PACIFIC NORTHWEST HISTORICS CAR CORRAL**

**Hosted by Mike Springer**

The Pacific Northwest Historics is a volunteer-driven event sanctioned by SOVREN (Society of Vintage Racing Enthusiasts) Race Club and the SOVREN Guild of Seattle Children's Hospital. The Historics is the premier vintage sports car race in the Northwest and the largest charity motor-sports event in the United States. In 2014, the Pacific Northwest Historics raised \$450,000 for Seattle Children's. These fundraising efforts will improve the lives of many families with children in need.

While the Guild's effort is for charity, don't be misled. The car owners, drivers and crews are in it for the racing. The Pacific Northwest Historics is one of the most popular vintage races on the West Coast, drawing competitors from most western states. In past years, drivers have traveled from as far as Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand and Europe.

Check out the Historics website for new information as it becomes available at [www.northwesthistorics.com](http://www.northwesthistorics.com)

Although vintage racing is not "real" competition in the sense that the cars are not driven to their limits 100% of the time, scoring is based on laps completed rather than order of finish, and the safety of the cars and drivers is the foremost concern, the drivers are still interested in turning in the best possible lap times. Without the pressure to have the fastest possible car, the drivers and pit crews are willing (often eager) to display and talk to others about the cars. The pits are open to spectators all three days.

There have been some rule changes so there will be some newer cars in the grids and possibly a bit more variety. The cars historically experience about 10% attrition per day so generally the first day of the event provides the best opportunity to see all of the cars in action. Since Monday is the actual holiday, this may not impact attendance that much. Races are scheduled for all three days and there should be some great vendor and featured car displays.

The car corral at the PNW Historics is an excellent opportunity for members of local car clubs to meet and display their cars. Those displaying their cars in the corral on Saturday or Sunday may participate in parade laps on the Pacific Raceways track during the lunch break and an informal judging for the "best" cars in various age groups. The judges are generally children of event volunteers. There are no formal car corral activities on Friday but the area is open to those purchasing car corral passes for the weekend or Friday.

Tickets cost: [Check at the Gate for Ticket Prices](#)

## **Whistlin' Jack's Run**

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The pre-run driver's meeting will be 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, we will plan to be at Whistlin' Jack's by 1 p.m. for a late lunch. 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.

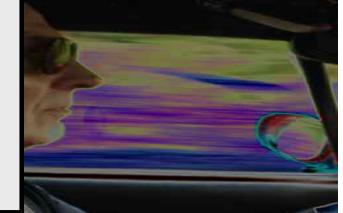
## **Inter-Club Meet and Greet**

**Hosted by Club Miata Northwest**

On July 5, the first Tuesday from 6-8pm, there will be an inter-club Cruise-in and Meet and Greet with Club Miata Northwest at the Burgermaster in Bothell, 18626 Bothell Everett Highway, Bothell, WA 98626. This is an opportunity to meet other enthusiasts and their cars.

# Ruminations of a Miata Driver

## By Ross Scott



### Free Baseball Tickets

Everyone is familiar with the saying, “There is no such thing as a free lunch. So why does that word, “Free,” get to people all the time? Even weirder than “Half price charity tickets,” I think are “Free baseball tickets.” I did not even ask myself, “Why are these tickets free?”

This is reminiscent of the “Free laptop giveaways,” some years ago on the web. Even though these rosy proposals have decreased with the increased sophistication of the population, ever-changing new scams have replaced them. For example, how you have won a million dollars but just have to pay the \$1,500.00 conveyance fee. I like to equate pie in the sky proposals like this to the final scene in “Of Mice and Men,” and often say of such presentations, “And fuzzy rabbits for everyone!” We know how that turned out.

I think, along with foreign languages taught from pre-school to high school, there should be taught in so many different ways that there is no free lunch, and if someone says there is one, they are lying to you. It is quite obvious that everything costs money, but we would like to believe that it is other people that pay the price. The word “Free” itself seems to make everything said after that fade into the background. To quote Paul Simon, “We hear what we want to hear and disregard the rest.”

I guess I was the moron in the oxymoron, “Free baseball tickets,” when I said, “heck yeah!,” after being offered them to the third game played in the Mariner’s new retractable-roof stadium. I could see into the future, and it was brightly lit with the neon “Free” sign. I did not think ahead to parking, drinks and food that could, and did,

total more than the very nice Club Level passes I received.

So will this be a lesson learned, or just another chance at clear vision squandered? Wait! Is there such a thing as freedom? I guess in small measures like “Freedom of the road,” if you paid the tabs!

Drive on Miata!

### Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas

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Following lunch, you can view the Miatas and vote for the People’s Choice winners.

**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.

Address: Griot’s Garage,  
3333 S. 38th St,  
Tacoma, WA

### PSMC Upcoming Drives

- Jul 09 Whistlin' Jack's Run
- Jul 16 Drive to Admiralty Lighthouse
- Aug 13 Mt. Baker Run with Sea To Sky Miata Club
- Aug 27 Crystal Mountain Summit Drive
- Sep 17 Pacific Beach Frolic
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# **President's Message**

## **By Ross Scott**

So there we were, knocking on summer's door and fall broke out. Don't worry. There is nothing to fear but El Nina herself. Actually, the increased overcast and cooler weather make top-down driving a more pleasant experience, because you can always add more clothes but you can only take off so much. So don't be shy, put some miles on that roadster!

Registration is closed for the Pacific Northwest Historic racing and Car Corral the first weekend in July, hosted by me, but keep this in mind for next year as it is a gas to see not only the vintage racing machines, but cars from all the other clubs attending, some that you probably have never seen before, plus you get to drive parade laps on the track! You could still show up as a spectator and be a passenger!

The very next weekend, July 9th, is the Whistlin' Jack's Run, hosted by Jim and Phyllis Liljeberg. This is a beautiful drive across Chinook and Cayuse passes, with plenty of stops along the way, culminating in lunch at Whistin' Jack's Restaurant. We don't know what Jack was whistlin' about, but the food and company are very good.

Next, on the 14th through the 17th is the Explore Oregon Tour hosted by the Willamette Valley Miata Club. This is a great chance for club members to meet people from other clubs and experience great new roads and beautiful scenery. Read all about it in our event calendar and be sure to register with Willamette Valley Miata Club if you are going.

The July 16 Drive to Admiralty Lighthouse has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, but on July 23 there will be an epic drive and car show at the Miata Fly-in in Concrete, hosted by new member Ingvar Carlson, where partici-

pants will show their cars and peruse antique aircraft.

Next, on July 30th, is the Silverdale Whaling Days Parade, where members will ride Miss Viking Fest and Little Miss Viking Fest in a short morning parade that brings out the best in small-town USA. Volunteers are always welcomed, so if you love a parade and want to be in one, this is your chance! Hosted by Mindy Bohnas.

To close out the month John Boespflug will host the 2016 Opel - Miata Gathering on July 30th. This is a great chance to mix with another club and see their cars. Check the website for details, as there has been a change of venue to Kelly's Kafe in Spanaway. This should be a fun event, as Elvis impersonator and radio celebrity Shane Cobain will perform a two hour show commencing at noon.

There are three great events for August, not the least of which is the Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas on the 6th. This is an annual Mazda sponsored event put on by the Board of Directors with food and door prizes that include dash cams and Miata dress-up items. On the 13th is the Mt. Baker Run hosted by Past President Bill Bell. This should be a breath-taking drive with beautiful scenery and great twisties! Then on August 27th, A.J. McGranaghan hosts his drive to Crystal Mountain Summit Drive where one can picnic or take the gondola to the Summit Restaurant.

Wow, that is a lot of events to take in all at once, but I will review the August runs in my next message.

Drive topless!

Ross

## Explore Oregon

### (Hosted by Willamette Valley Miata Club)

Go to [WVMC](#) for details: July 14-17, 2016

This is a huge meet, so we suggest very early registration with WVMC for the meet and also book your hotel room early. RSVPing on our PSMC web site is just for the convenience of our members so everyone knows who is attending; be sure to click the box so your name is visible.

This is an annual event hosted by our friends at the Willamette Valley Miata Club and it's always well-organized with a lot of fun events to enjoy.

Silverton, Oregon is the gateway to Silver Falls State Park, the largest state park in Oregon. Located 14 miles southeast of Silverton on Highway 214, the park offers 10 different waterfalls, miles of hiking, biking, and horse trails as well as picnicking and facilities. The Day Use Lodge built in the 1930s is open year round and hosts an old-fashioned Christmas in December, a wildflower exhibit in April or May, and an interpretative tribute to pre-park times at Historic Al Faussett Days in June.

The Silver Falls Tour Route leads visitors from Interstate 5 at Woodburn or Turner, through Silverton and Mt. Angel in a 55-mile loop highlighted by the drive through the park.

The Gallon House Bridge is the last original covered bridge remaining in Marion County. The bridge spans Abiqua Creek about 1 1/2 miles northeast of Silverton. It got its name during Prohibition because it was a drop point for bootleg whiskey between Mount Angel (a "wet" town) on the north, and Silverton (a "dry" town on the south.) Built in 1917, the bridge was completely refurbished in 1991.

The Oregon Garden continues to grow on the Cascade Highway at the south edge of Silverton. It is becoming a 240-acre world-class garden to rival the top gardens in the country. It is now open to the public.

Please check the Puget Sound Miata Club website for additional information.



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Club membership is available by going to our website at [www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org](http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org) or by sending your name, address, email, and a check for **\$30 (annual chapter dues) or \$40 (dues plus Sounder delivery via hardcopy).** Puget Sound Miata Club  
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If you would like to contribute an article or you took photos of an event you'd like to share, remember these guidelines:

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

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