

Miata Sounder



THE FIRST OFFICIAL UNITED STATES MIATA CLUB

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The Great Northwest Gathering Of Miatas Hosted by the PSMC Board

**August 6, 2016
10am – 3pm
Griot's Garage, Tacoma, WA**

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.

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. Following lunch, you can view the Miatas and vote for the People's Choice winners. As in the past, we are having great door prizes this year. Along with the usual car 'dress-up' items, there are grills and hood lift kits to further accessorize your Miata. Also, for under the hood are stainless

use-box covers and a billet aluminum oil cap. For the grand prizes, there is a 7" fire tablet, perfect for wifi on road trips, and a nice dash-cam to record those fun times on the road. See you there!
Ross

Please bring something to sit on just like you would bring to a picnic! (i.e.: a folding chair or blanket). There is a large grassy area surrounding the bbq pits for this purpose.

Directions to Griot's Garage: Traveling I-5

South: Take Exit 132A (S 38th St West toward Tacoma Mall). At the stoplight, bear right onto S 38th St. Go 3/4 of a mile to Griot's Garage on the right (white building with red stripes.) Last intersection is S Lawrence St. **Traveling I-5 North:** Take Exit 132, take second 38th St exit after overpass (S 38th St West toward Tacoma Mall) Bear right onto S 38th St. Go 3/4 of a mile to Griot's Garage on the right (white building with red stripes.) Last intersection is S Lawrence St.

From Gig Harbor: On HWY 16, take exit for Union Ave. Turn right onto S Union Ave. Turn left onto S 38th St., then another left onto S Lawrence St. Griot's Garage is on the left (white building with red stripes.) Lot entrance is behind the building.

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Mt. Baker Run with Sea to Sky Miata Club Hosted by Bill Bell

The Puget Sound Miata Club (PSMC) and the Sea to Sky Miata Club will be having a joint Mt. Baker Run on August 13, 2016. The PSMC will be meeting in Mount Vernon, WA **8am** to the east of Jack in the Box, 304 East College Way, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273. We will be in the parking lot between Jack in the Box and Bigfoot Java. After the driver's meeting, we will depart for Chuckanut Drive to Bellingham for our first stop and then on to Hwy 542 to Glacier where we will meet the Sea to Sky Miata Club at the National Park Office in Glacier, WA. There is a \$5 charge to drive in the Mt. Baker National Forest if you do not have a annual pass. Both Miata Clubs will head to Artist Point at Mount Baker to explore Mount Baker and the beautiful sites in the area. If you would like some history about Mount Baker, check the USGS link: http://volcanoes.usgs.gov/volcanoes/baker/baker_geo_hist_115.html

Estimated departure from Mt. Vernon is 8:20am and stopping off in Bellingham and the National Forest Rangers Office in Glacier, WA. We will combine both Miata Club's and head up to Mt. Baker with lunch at Milano's on the way down. Bring a jacket in case it is cold and windy at Mt. Baker.

From I-5: take Exit 227, Hwy 538 and head east about .2 of a mile and it will be on your right, the south side of Hwy 538. Zoom Zoom!

Crystal Mountain Summit Drive August 27, 2016 9@am

Host: A.J. McGranaghan

This is a run we have not seen on the calendar for a few years but the last time it occurred, it was very popular.

Plan to be at the Starbucks in Lakewood at the intersection of 512 and S. Tacoma Way at 9 a.m. for a driver's meeting. Then we'll depart on our scenic adventure to the top of Mt. Ranier.

This drive will take us back onto Hwy 512 to Hwy 410 (the Mt. Rainier Highway) through Enumclaw and Buckley before the turn up to Crystal Mountain Ski Resort.

Once there, those who wish to ride the gondola to the top of the mountain will be rewarded with beautiful scenic views (assuming it's a clear day) and a chance to have lunch at the Summit Restaurant at the end of the gondola ride. Upon arrival at the ski area, those who are not interested in the gondola ride may bring a sack lunch and eat at the bottom of the mountain, or those who are not interested in eating at the Summit Restaurant may take their lunches to the summit and picnic there (there are tables there for picnickers).

For information on Crystal Mountain Resort and summer pricing, visit: www.crystallmountainresort.com. Please RSVP so we can plan ahead.

Upcoming Events — Something for Everyone!

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

August: Aug 02 First Tuesday Cruise-In Social

Aug 06 Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas

Aug 13 Mt. Baker Run with Sea To Sky Miata Club, Vancouver, BC

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

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January: Jan 03 First Tuesday Cruise-In Social

Jan 19 Third Thursday Cruise-In Social

February: Feb 07 First Tuesday Cruise-In Social

Feb 16 Third Thursday Cruise-In Social

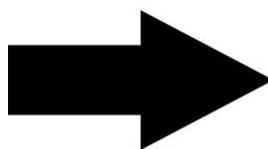
March: Mar 07 First Tuesday Cruise-In Social

Mar 16 Third Thursday Cruise-In Social

Events will be added when they are scheduled.

Miata Helpful Links

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



Pacific Beach Frolic
September 17, 2016 @ 12pm to September 19, 2016 @7:30pm
Meet at Little Creek Casino in Shelton, WA

Hosts: Tom and Cindy Millar

Once again, Cindy and Tom are hosting their 4th annual Pacific Beach Frolic (aka Olympic Peninsula Lite Tour)! This popular event is designed with a short but wonderfully curvy road through the back woods of the Mason and Grays Harbor Counties. This year we will be heading fairly directly to the Pacific Beach Resort. We will make a quick stop in Aberdeen to pick up any supplies you may wish to bring out to the beach.

Once at Pacific Beach you will have the opportunity to walk on the beach where kite season will sure to be in the air, and the sand castle contest will be underway. Or, you can visit the thriving metropolis of Pacific Beach! You may even want to purchase your own kite at the kite shop in Pacific Beach and participate in the fun!

After a day on the beach, and all the joy that includes typically pristine September weather, we will sit back, sip some wines and slip into some easy times. Following dinner, which is on your own at the Navy resort restaurant, we will assemble at the club room off of the presidential suites wing for some after-action reports on our experiences.

Our ride will begin at the Little Creek Casino in Shelton with a short drivers' meeting starting at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday. Lodging will be at the Pacific Beach Resort & Conference Center. As of now we have several rooms blocked for this event. At this time they do not have any Presidential suites available, nor do they have any 2 day rental houses. However, this can change as we get closer. Their website is: <http://www.navylifepnw.com/site/68/Pacific-Beach.aspx>.

Rooms run from \$55 to \$100 per night (no tax). You will need to reserve your room using either a Visa or MasterCard. If your plans change, you have until two weeks prior to the event to cancel without a charge. The direct phone number for Pacific Beach Resort & Conference Center is: (360)276-4414. When you call, you need to reference Tom Millar with the Puget Sound Miata Club. The early bird gets the worm on this one...book early! By the way, on Sunday we will max our check out time and plan on a leisurely drive back to civilization. If you encounter any difficulties with making your reservations at Pacific Beach please feel free to call Tom Millar at (425)623-8181 or e-mail: tom.millar@sorianthealthcare.com.

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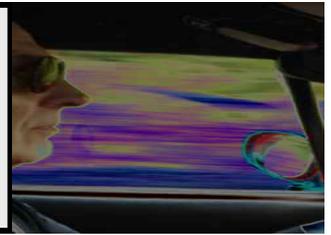
Multiple hosts include: Paul Jaeger, Allan Ohlsen, and Ray Houghton
Here We Go Again!

Wine lovers! Gear heads! Nostalgia! Do you like vintage wooden boats, vintage unlimited hydroplanes, and Chelan area wines? How about staying at a premium Chelan waterfront resort for a bargain price? This is the PSMC event for you. Join us for a fun three-day weekend tour as we venture off to Lake Chelan for the Mahogany & Merlot festival held in Chelan.

We will be staying at Campbell's Waterfront Resort, walking distance to the festival and hydro pits. The festival features wine, a vintage car display and many vintage wooden pleasure craft on display, some offering rides. The big attraction though is the unlimited hydroplanes from the Unlimited Hydroplane Museum. Remember Miss Bardahl, Thriftway, Oh Boy! O'Ber-to, Hawaii Kai? Experience the roar of these piston-engine boats as they run around the lake course. We are also planning a wine tour of the many wineries in the area, led by wine-extraordinaire: Ray Houghton. Continued on Page 9:

Ruminations of a Miata Driver

By Ross Scott



Whistlin' Jack's Run

By Ross Scott

It was a cool pleasant overcast summer morning on July 9th when Nancy and I headed out from Bothell to the meet-up in Enumclaw for the second annual WJR. The forecast said there would be spotty rain, but you know how inaccurate these forecasters can be at times, so I elected for a top-down transit, as usual. Traffic was light down I-405, so it was hard to keep to the speed limit, but I persevered. A little past Bellevue, a light mist started to fall. This is no problem, as the air around the car carries the moisture over the cockpit and out the back. Heading down the hill into Renton, things picked up. Still no problem, I have driven in rain like this before. Just as I was exiting I-405 to catch highway 169, I thought to myself, "Gee, If I do not get stuck at the lights I can drive out of this." That very instant the air turned liquid, and water was pouring into the car at a prodigious rate. Luckily I was at a place I could pull off to put the top up, even though there was no canopy to get under for respite from the wet.

After I bailed out the foot-wells and discarded the live fish, it was a damp drive to Enumclaw with actual fog forming inside the driver's compartment and the windows had a nice "frosted" privacy screen. Once arriving at the start of the drive, I had to put the top down just to vent the moisture. I was pleasantly surprised by how fast Miata upholstery dries out. This is part

of the design I had not read about, but they did it very well.

We got there early enough to get coffee at a bookstore across the street, and the proprietor was nice enough not to charge us for the "Cheese Danishes," as they would have problems being identified as actual food. After the driver's meeting where Jim Liljeberg and his wife Phyllis laid down the rules for the trip, we headed out to our first stop at Mud Mountain Dam. This was a nice feature of the drive, as it is good to stretch one's legs from time to time and feel like you have not been on a long drive after a long drive. We also got to see a state interpretive center along the way and a vista view stop in Chinook Pass that added depth to the view from the car.

Finally arriving at our destination, an old roadhouse lodge and restaurant, we joined motorcyclists and other automotive enthusiasts for a very fine lunch supplied by friendly staff. I want to thank Jim and Phyllis for hosting this drive a second year in just the second year of their membership. Good job.

Needless to say, I decided that it was too cool to drive top-down home. Ok, I do drive topless in the winter, but I had just been burned, undrenched, so I was shy. It was a good move on my part, because as we drove through another downpour on the way home, causing trailing 'Miatas to pull over, wishing for a canopy.

Drive on Miatas!



Miata Fly In By Ingvar Carlson and Sally Brandt

The Miata Fly started with 11 cars at the Starbucks in Edmonds. We had the Drivers meeting ,set the odometers to 0 . The Hand Held and CB's were turned and we arrived at stop #2 on time at 9 am where six more cars were waiting. The next stop was at the Lake Roesiger Park and the Lake store. Now came the fun, windy roads ahead made our right foot press the floor boards.as we drove thru Skagit County. We arrived at the Concrete Antique Fly In at noon.. We were greeted by Amy & Bob in their newly acquired Red convertible from Bellingham, and Hal Finley from Federal Way. In all we had a line up of 19 cars. At the venue they had a great selection of food vendors. Music was provided by the Skagit Big Band playing those oldie favorites. At 2 pm we had the awards meeting.

Newest Miata - 2016 Club 1400 smiles Alex Bettadapun

Furthest traveled- Kelly & Cindy Ferrel Port Angeles

Most Miles - 166,000 smiles " " " 2004

Oldest Miata -1992 Silver Richard Moris

Most Custom - James Woodard 2003 Dark Green

After the awards some headed back home , several stayed and 5 of us took Burpee Hill Rd. up to Baker Lake. This was a HD adrenaline rush on the short but fun road.

If you would like to have this on next years calender please let Ross know and it will Happen.

Ingvar and Sally appreciated the great turn out and the helpfulness of all participants. We are looking forward to sponsoring a trip up to the Vehicle testing Lab in April 2017. Pictures continued on Page 7.



Miata Fly In Pictures July 23, 2016



President's Message By Ross Scott

28th Annual Pacific Northwest Historics Car Corral by Ross Scott

Greetings fellow club members. Here we are in mid-summer with the driving season in full swing and with a lot of activities still to come. The weather has thrown in some surprises, making driving a roadster all that more challenging. Don't worry though, it is still warm and things dry out. Eventually.

August is a busy month as previously mentioned with the Great Northwest Gathering of Miata's on the 6th, a run to Mount Baker on the 13th and finishing out with a picnic run to Crystal Mountain. Bill Bell is hosting a First Tuesday Cruise-in Social on August 2th.

September is pretty well booked with the Willamette Valley Miata Club putting on their Halfway and Back Tour; September 17th is Tom Millar's Pacific Beach Frolic. September 24th is the Leavenworth Autumn Leaf Festival Parade. Volunteers are always welcome. On the 30th is the fifth annual Mahogany, Merlot and Miata's to Lake Chelan, a very fun trip.

October ushers in the Cruise-in Socials, both north and south and the Fourth Quarter planning and Board Meeting. Bring your ideas for drives and activities and we will help you make it happen.

With the driving season well underway, I just want everyone to drive safely and give the other guy a break.

Drive that Miata responsibly!



Once again, the Sovren Guild put on a great show raising money for Children's Hospital, attracting vintage racecars from all over the country. Visitors have full access to the paddocks where they can see the racers and their cars in their natural habitat.

The weather was ideal, warm with an overcast, keeping the temperatures in a reasonable range as the various car clubs in the "corral" took to the track for the noon parade on Saturday and Sunday where they were kept under 50 MPH by the pace-car. It is still a lot of fun, even at that relatively low speed.



Even though the event has less participation as in the past, as there are less total race vehicles and less legendary cars in attendance, I have never seen so much interest in Miatas, as more people stopped to talk about the cars than ever before. Some of it might be due to the fact that Bill Cooper brought Karen's 10th anniversary gem, and the other seven cars were also built by Coop. It was a hoods-up show, with at least two couples heading out for Miata shopping!

So, if you like sports cars, consider coming out next year and help educate the public to the most fun sports car of all.

Drive that Miata!

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



Bring your lunch for Friday, we have a planned lunch stop at Tunnel Hill Winery on the way to Chelan, we will also stop at Tsillan Cellars while en-route to Campbell's resort. Saturday is festival day and wine tour day; you may do both.

We had an on-site barbecue last year, and the plan is to do the same this year at Campbells, on the beach. Cost will be between \$8 and \$10 per person. Sunday morning our tour ends, but many will enjoy brunch at Tsillan Cellars before heading home.



Sound like fun?

Here is what you need to do: RSVP for the event then call Campbell's Resort 800-553-8225 or 509-682-2561 (room prices about \$120 per night) to reserve your room for Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. Mention "Mahogany & Merlot" to get the discount.

Don't wait, this festival is growing exponentially. Campbell's has several rooms blocked for this event, but is offered to all festival participants (not just us) so it will fill up fast.

For any questions, please contact one of the hosts:

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The club operates as a non-profit organization and relies primarily on volunteer services. However, sponsorship of events, the publication and mailing of the newsletter, and operating supplies constitute a financial burden that must be met by the membership. **The Sounder is emailed as a PDF Link unless you opt for physical delivery.** Make your Miata experience more enjoyable and join the club and participate. To keep the club meaningful and solvent, we need your support!

Club membership is available by going to our website at www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org or by sending your name, address, email, and a check for **\$30 (annual chapter dues) or \$40 (dues plus Sounder delivery via hardcopy).** Puget Sound Miata Club
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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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Doug's Lynnwood Mazda (425) 774-3551

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Louie Orrino at South Tacoma Mazda (253) 722-2888 / Cost plus 20%

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