



Miata Sounder

THE FIRST OFFICIAL UNITED STATES MIATA CLUB

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Paccar Test Lab Saturday, April 8, 2017

Hosted by Ingvar Carlson

Go on a fun drive and tour a vehicle test facility, all in the same day! Does this sound too good to be true? But wait, theres more! On arrival there will be a breakfast and lunch by the Kiwanis! We will park on the test track possibly alongside other car clubs and special exhibits. Afterward, there will be an opportunity for more fun roads on the way home. The Run Up to Mt. Vernon is set for April 8 to the Pac-Car Vehicle testing Lab. This event is open only one Saturday per year for the public.

We are meeting at the Starbucks on Aurora/ SR205 in Edmonds next to the Home Depot at 8 am. We will then drive to Monroe and arrive around 8:30 at the Chevron station on the east end of town to meet up with those who live closer to there. We need to be in Mt Vernon at 11am when the facility opens to the Public. We will park in the test track area, as a group. Breakfast & Lunch is served by the Lions for us when the doors open.

There will be a winding back road route that will be a lot of fun for the ZOOMERS, another group will go direct via I-5. For the people who want more, at 1:30pm, we will depart towards Anacortes, and end up in La Conner. Those needing an early departure in Mt Vernon may leave afterthe Test-Lab Tour, or join us for some more curvy Zoomer Roads. That's what its all about!

New Members Appreciation Drive May 21, 2017 at 11am

By Ross Scott

This year's New Members Appreciation Drive, slated for May 21 at Kidd Valley Restaurant in Renton, is showing early signs of being a record turnout. Already there are 11 cars and 20 people signed up! In the past the norm was 15 cars and 28 or so people. This is a great opportunity for new members to get acquainted with what we do and to meet some of the club denizens. Also older members can help make the new people feel welcome.

There will be Mazda swag bags for the new members. After our no-host lunch, we will depart on a scenic fun drive on back roads into Snoqualmie Valley where we end up at Boehm's Candies in Redmond. The drive ends there around 2pm after copious amounts of chocolate, of course.

Viking Fest Parade May 13, 2017 Poulsbo, Washington

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Drive to Lunch May 16, 2017

By Ross Scott

Please join me, and my lovely assistant, Nancy, on the third annual "Drive To Lunch." Starting in Monroe, we wend our way along sparsely populated back roads to Rhodes River Ranch in Oso for a wonderful lunch in their restaurant with a view of the horse arena. There are always horses to see, and frequently horses are worked out or trained before your very eyes!

Starting at the Chevron station on Highway 2 at the east end of Monroe, we will meet at 9:30 followed by a 9:45 driver's meeting where we go over driving etiquette and procedures. Once fortified by "saddle bags" of snacks, created by Nancy, to stave off hunger until arrival at our destination, we will drive off at 10:00AM.

I have driven this route at least 25-30 times on runs and pre-runs, and it is a different experience every time. Even if you have done this drive before, it can be fun again!

See you there!

MG Car Club 36th Annual Tulip Rallye

On April 22, 2017, the Northwest MG Club is back for their 36th Annual Tulip Rallye and everyone and all make of cars are welcome! This event is a gimmick rallye in place of time/speed/distance checkpoints, so everyone will be able to compete successfully. All you need is a sharp eye and a sense of humor.

Please note that speed is not recommended, nor an advantage! Each car club (with 5 cars minimum entries and participating in the rallye) will have a First Place finish award. Non-club entrants can compete in the "open" class. It is recommended that you pack a picnic lunch to enjoy along the way or at the end point while the scores are being tabulated. Mail-in registrations are being accepted from January through April 15 and PayPal registrations are accepted through April 20. Entries post-marked after that date will be considered day-of event registrations.

You can access specifics and registration form at

<http://www.tuliprallye.org/>

**First Tuesday Cruise-In
Social is April 4, 2017 at
Canyon's Restaurant in
Bothell, WA
Hosted by Ross Scott**

**Third Thursday Cruise-In
Social is April 20, 2017 at
Cheers in Renton, WA
Hosted by Pam and
Sean McGriff.**

Upcoming Events — Something for Everyone!

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

March: Mar 07 First Tuesday Cruise-In Social

Mar 11 Alfa Romeo Driving School

Mar 16 Third Thursday Cruise-In Social

April: Apr 04 First Tuesday Cruise-In Social

Apr 8 Paccar Test Lab

Apr 15 PSMC Second Quarter Board Meeting

Apr 20 Third Thursday Cruise-In Social

Apr 22 MG Car Club 36th Annual Tulip Rallye

May: May 02 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

May 06 Drive to Lunch

May 13 Detailin' Day and Show N Shine

May 13 Viking Fest Parade

May 21 New Member Welcome

June: Jun 03 PSMC Board Meeting

Jun 06 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

Jun 24 Fathoms O' Fun Parade

Jun 30 29th ANNUAL PACIFIC NORTHWEST HISTORICS CAR CORRAL

July: Jul 04 Kingston 4th Of July Parade

Jul 08 Whistlin' Jack's Run

Jul 13 Expore Oregon (hosted by Willamette Valley Miata Club)

Jul 15 Miata Fly-In

Jul 22 Hurricane Ridge Run

Jul 29 Silverdale Whaling Days Parade

Aug: Aug 05 Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas

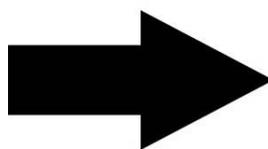
Aug 12 Spot That Thing!

Aug 17 Third Thursday Cruise-In Social

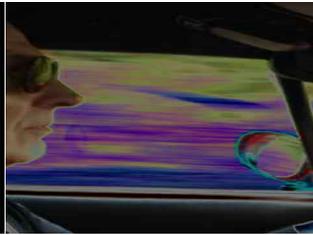
Aug 19 The Renton "Clueless" Drive

Miata Helpful Links

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



Ruminations of a Miata Driver



Park and Sip Tour Aftermath

Against My Better Judgment
By Ross Scott

I got to thinking,(funnily enough), that since what I am thinking is generated by my brain, how far should I trust it? My brain, that is. I know you are saying, (if you are reading this), “One must believe in oneself! You have to trust your instruments,” says the pilot who forgot to re-set the barometric altimeter and flies into the mountain. My point is the human and animal brain is programmable and flexible. For instance a lot of dogs think they are humans, only smarter because they do not have to wear clothes.

We all grow up thinking our families are normal, until we realize we grew up in the Munsters. There are musical families, because they grew up with music as the normal. It is likewise in other professions, particularly the arts. What is the old saying, “As goes the parent, so goes the child?” We have known for centuries how malleable and programmable the human and animal brain is, despite denials that advertising and money influence how people act.

It is our brain. It is our own brain that would betray us in so many ways. Just look at an Escher drawing and tell yourself that water can flow up hill. They are called optical illusions, but they really are brain treason. The very thing you depend on to survive is sending you false messages and giving you false images!

At this point you ask, (if you are still reading this), what does this have to do with driving a Miata? This answer is, absolutely nothing! You are reading ruminations of a Miata Driver. You were probably thinking ruminations about Miata driving. That would be someone else.

Keep an eye on yourself and make sure you are really seeing what you think you are seeing. We are all “brainwashed”.

So, look out kid.

Hosted by Paul Jaeger and Tom Millar

On February 11, Paul Jaeger and Tom Millar led the fifth annual Park and Sip Tour in the Woodville warehouse district. Actually they led us



across the parking lot to the winery with a restaurant for victuals before the serious tasting commenced, affording an opportunity for Paul Jaeger to receive his “Instigator” magnet award. There was a record turnout with twenty revelers, er, tasters on hand. A lot of good wine was tasted, good food eaten and great conversation with some good people. I am looking forward to next year already!

Good job gentlemen!

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Park and Sip Tour Aftermath Pictures



Past First Tuesday's North-End Cruise-In Social Pictures









Membership Chair Resigns

Charlotte Fellers, our membership chair, has resigned the position of Membership Chair as of June 30 of this year. After holding this position for three years, she believes it is time to pass the reins to someone else.

This job takes around two hours per month to complete. It's a great job for someone who likes order and has attention to details. If you are looking for a way to interact with others in the club, this is a good way to start.

If you would like to take over this important job, please notify Charlotte by phone at 253-333-7442 or by email at editorcharlotte@gmail.com. She would be happy to come to your house and deliver all necessary materials and teach you how to assemble and deliver membership packets each month.



President's Message

By Ross Scott

Here we are knocking on the door of spring, and there is snow on the ground and glaze ice on the roads. What happened to the Honolulu of the Northwest? Being the optimists that we are, the board has been working over the calendar for 2017, trusting there will be top-down weather to come.

Of course, there would be no drives to schedule without the input of club volunteers who come up with these events in the first place. If you have a favorite road you like to go on for pleasure, it would be fun for you to introduce it to other club members. If you would like to lead a drive and have no ideas, Charlotte Fellers has a box full of drive descriptions, estimated at 648 separate and unique drives with every theme you could dream of, and some you cannot.

There are a lot of open dates this summer so get out there! On April 8th, the Paccar Vehicle Testing Lab Drive should be quite a fun day with a drive to breakfast, a tour and an after-drive for those who have not had enough abuse. I will be there and I hope you will too. Also, on the 15th will be the second quarter board meeting at Milam Mazda in Auburn. Bring your plans and concerns. In addition to the First Tuesday and Third Thursday, in April, will be the MG Car Clubs 36th Annual Tulip Rallye, which is always fun, even though you will not see any tulips, strangely enough.

May is booked up, but the last Saturday is still open! First Tuesday and Third Thursday are still on, of course. In addition, on the 6th is my third annual Drive To Lunch, where we do just that, fortified with saddle-bags of snacks to get you there. On the 13th is what must be the 26th annual Detailin Day and Show N Shine at Lee Johnsons Mazda in Kirkland. Bring a freshly washed car and leave with a fully buffed and waxed (with you helping of course), automobile

ready for the summer.

The month will close out with the Viking Fest Parade and the New Member Welcome Drive, unless you come up with something for the 28th! Keep an eye on the calendar for any changes and keep thinking new drives! Keep it between the ditches!

29th ANNUAL PACIFIC NORTHWEST HISTORICS CAR CORRAL

Hosted by Michael Springer and Ross Scott

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 motorsports 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

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.

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2nd Quarter Board Meeting

April 15, 2017

Join your board of directors for our second board meeting of 2017 and become a part of the action!

At this meeting, we'll have a catered lunch beginning at 11 a.m. and conduct a regular business meeting with a review of the club treasury to follow. The place for this meeting is Milam Mazda in Puyallup, 608 River Road, Puyallup, WA 98371. Planning for the upcoming Detailin' Day will commence and we'll look ahead to summer activities and any future events that need attention.

Hope you can attend and contribute your great ideas.

Meet us at Milam's.

29th ANNUAL PACIFIC NORTHWEST HISTORICS CAR CORRAL

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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.

For additional information regarding tickets and parking, please check the website here:

<http://northwesthistorics.com/theguild/contact-us/tickets-info/> **TICKET ORDER DEADLINE: JUNE 1st**

Once posted, you can send the completed order form, check & self addressed envelope to:

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This will ensure the PSMC has all its registrations together at the event.



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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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