

# Miata Sounder



THE FIRST OFFICIAL UNITED STATES MIATA CLUB

July/August 2017

## Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas

Saturday, August 5, 2017

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. Please RSVP so we can have a head count for the food order. Following lunch, you can view the Miatas and vote for the People's Choice winner.

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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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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# Hurricane Ridge Run

## Saturday, July 22, 2017

**Host Bill Bell:** Back by popular demand! This is a beautiful drive that starts in Port Gamble. We'll meet at the General Store in Port Gamble for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. followed by the drivers' meeting at 9:45 a.m. in front of the store. The drive begins at 10 a.m. and we'll travel some twisty roads to our ultimate destination, Hurricane Ridge. Hurricane Ridge is located in the northern half of the Olympic National Park and is the heart of day use activity.

The seventeen-mile long Hurricane Ridge Road starts at Port Angeles along the Puget Sound and snakes its way up the side of the Olympic Mountains to 5,240 feet. With the road sanded and paved by the National Park Service, Hurricane Ridge is a source of year round outdoor adventure. For the first five miles, the road climbs from 400 feet above sea level to just under 2,000 feet at the Heart O The Hills Ranger Station, the only overnight facility at Hurricane Ridge. Over the next twelve miles as you climb up the narrow road and through three different tunnels, the plant life around you goes through a gradual change. Western red cedar,

big leaf maples, grand firs, Pacific yew and sword ferns give way to sub-alpine forest and wild flowers.

The road passes by a number of scenic overlooks with the Double Parking Overlook, located about two miles past the third tunnel, being the best. Arriving at the Visitor's Center, we will be able to pickup information on our destination. During July, the sub-alpine meadows to the north of the Hurricane Ridge Visitor Center are awash in a sea of color including snow on the ground and possibly mountain goats and deer in the area. After our fun time there, we will be on our way back to have lunch at Joshua's in Port Angeles. Please bring your hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, camera, coat, binoculars, and boots if you are walking on the snow. There is a \$25 fee per car to enter the Olympic National Park, and it is good for seven days. You have free access if you have a National Parks Access Pass Card. The Lifetime Senior Pass is \$10 for 62 and older. We will be stopping at the Olympic National Park Visitors Center for a bathroom break and purchasing passes. Please check the PSMC for additional information.

## Upcoming Events — Something for Everyone!

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

**July:** 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**

**Sep:** Sep 09 **Pacific Beach Frolic**

Sep 23 Leavenworth Autumn Leaf Festival Parade

**Oct:** Oct 03 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

Oct 06 **Mahogany, Merlot & Miatas VI**

Oct 14 Fourth Quarter Planning and Board Meeting

Oct 28 **Haunted Places Revisited**

**Nov:** Nov 04 **End-Of-The-Driving Season Party**

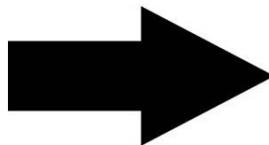
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**Dec:** No Scheduled Events at this time

Events will be added when they are scheduled.

## Miata Helpful Links

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



## **Spot That Thing! August 12, 2017 at 10am**

**Host: Charlotte Fellers**

Jump in your Miata and get ready to "Spot That Thing." In this fun rallye-type drive, you'll get a set of driving directions and a page of photos that correspond to sights you will see on the drive. You'll need to take note of the mileage when you "Spot That Thing." At the end of the drive, you'll have an opportunity to win a fun prize.

The drive usually takes about two hours, and ends in time for lunch (place TBD), where we'll reconnect and award the spoils to the winner! No need for speed here; just enjoy the scenery and keep your eyes peeled for the "things" along the route.

We'll start from The Old Cannery Furniture Warehouse parking lot located across from the Old Cannery in Sumner. They have restrooms and there's a coffee shop there as well.

The Driver's Meeting is at 10 sharp and we'll pull out around 10:15.

### **Directions to the Old Cannery:**

Take Hwy 167 South to West Valley Hwy E. in Sumner. Take the W. Valley Hwy Exit and drive to Valley Ave. E. The Old Cannery Warehouse is on the left and the parking lot where we'll meet is on the right.

## **End-of-the-Driving Season Party November 4, 2017**

## **The Renton "Clueless" Drive August 19, 2017 at 10:37am**

**Hosted by Sean and Pam McGriff**

We'll meet behind the Top Pot doughnut shop at The Landing in Renton, at 10:37am sharp. ( give or take a few minutes ).

Then we will head out and drive around the south end of Lake Washington. Hopefully our hosts will know the way, but if not, it will still be a fun drive!

After a two hour drive, we'll end where we began. There is a Jimmy-John's, Mucho Burrito, 5-Guys Burgers, The Rock - Wood-fired Pizza, and other food venues.

## **Third Thursday Cruise-In Social August 17, 2017**

Hosted by:  
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Location:  
Historic Pick-Quick Drive-In  
4306 Pacific Highway E., Fife, WA 98424

Thurs. August 17, 6:00 PM .

Since this is a seasonal stand there are no public restrooms; you'll have to take care of those duties at other nearby facilities. In the unlikely event of rain we'll still meet at Pick-Quick at 6 PM, but we can then re-group at some other local establishment with an interior. See PSMC Events for further details.

# Pacific Beach Frolic

## September 9, 2017

Host: Tom and Cindy Millar  
Meeting up at Little Creek Casino in Shelton  
@12pm.

Once again, Cindy and Tom are hosting their 5<sup>th</sup> 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. We will make a quick stop in Aberdeen to pick any supplies you may wish to bring out to the beach.



Once at Pacific Beach you will have the opportunity to take in the Pacific Beach Kite Festival which will be in full swing when we arrive. 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 at the end of the presidential suites wing for some after-action reports

on our experiences. Our ride will begin at Little Creek Casino, West State Route 108, Shelton, WA 98584, with a short driver's 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, including standard rooms, junior suites and presidential suites, ranging in price between \$70 and \$125 per night (no tax). Their website is: <http://www.navylifepnw.com/site/68/Pacific-Beach.aspx>.

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 the Puget Sound Miata Club and/or Tom Millar. 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: [tmillar100451@gmail.com](mailto:tmillar100451@gmail.com).

# President's Message

**By Ross Scott**

Greetings fellow Miata enthusiasts! We welcome summer's arrival, even though the spring was really not all that bad considering record rainfall. The days it did not rain were perfect for top-down driving, however, as the absence of solar heating makes for cool drives. It is also nice for those of us that do not have air conditioning to cool down on hot days. When I got my car my thought, Who needs air conditioning, became an aha moment when my t-shirt stuck to my back.

So, along with the summer weather our event calendar heats up and things are starting to happen. Right away in July there is the Kingston 4th of July Parade on, yes, the fourth of July. Check out the event description for details. On the 8th is the Whistling Jack's Run. This is a fun, scenic drive over Chinook Pass to a great roadhouse in the middle of nowhere. A great middle of nowhere. On the 13th Explore Oregon begins, hosted by Willamette Valley Miata Club. Always a great drive, I hear. On the 15th is the Miata Fly-in where you get to see antique aircraft and be part of the show! I missed it last year, but everyone raved about it. I will be there this year! The 22nd brings us the Hurricane Ridge Run that should supply some spectacular scenery. The month wraps up with the Silverdale Whaling Days Parade. Volunteers are always welcome!

August kicks off with the great Northwest Gathering of Miatas on the 5th. This is the big event of the year, sponsored by Mazda and the board of directors, with food, prizes and detailing demonstrations at Griot's Garage in Tacoma followed by Charlotte Feller's Spot That Thing Drive, a veritable photo rallye that ends with lunch, on the 12th. On the 20th is the popular Pick-Quick Cruise-In Social at a classic 50's drive-in in Fife. Then there is The Renton Clueless Drive by Sean McGriff on the 19th. I have no clue what it is about this year, but I will be there. You be there too!

See you on a drive!

Ross

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# NEW MEMBER WELCOME IN PICTURES

## MAY 21, 2017



# Detailing Day in Pictures

## MAY 13, 2017



# Winners of the Detailing Day Awards

## MAY 13, 2017



# Pictures of the Viking Fest and Port Orchard Parades in May and June 2017



# Mahogany, Merlot and Miatas VI

October 6, 2017

**Hosts: Allan Ohlsen, Ray Houghton, and Paul Jaeger**

## Here We Go Again!

For a sixth time; wine lovers! Gear heads! Nostalgics! 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. .

We will be meeting at 10 a.m., at the Chevron station located at the east end of Monroe on Hwy 2. Bring your lunch for Friday. We have a planned lunch stop at Tunnel Hill Winery on the way to Chelan. 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 \$165 per night) to reserve your room for Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. 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](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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