

Miata Sounder



THE FIRST OFFICIAL UNITED STATES MIATA CLUB

May/June/July 2018

Hurricane Ridge Run

July 14, 2018 @ 10am

Hosted by 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.

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Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas

10am - August 11, 2018

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

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



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

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 winners.

gathering in their parking lot. Additionally, they sponsor a one-hour tech program where the explain

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Upcoming Events — Something for Everyone!

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

May: May 01 1st Tuesday Cruise-In

May 12 Detailin' Day and Show N Shine

May 19 Viking Fest Parade

May 26 Drive 4 Lunch

June: Jun 02 PSMC Board Meeting

Jun 05 1st Tuesday Cruise-In

Jun 23 Fathoms O' Fun Parade

Jun 29 Annual Pacific Northwest Historic Car Corral

July: Jul 04 Kingston 4th Of July Parade

Jul 14 Hurricane Ridge Run

Jul 20 Expore Oregon (hosted by Willamette Valley Miata Club)

Jul 21 Mt. Rainier Overlook Drive

Jul 28 Silverdale Whaling Days Parade

August : Aug 04 Spot That Thing!

Aug 11 Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas

Aug 18 The Renton "Clueless" Drive

September: Sep 08 The Surprise Drive

Sep 16 Sunset Auto Trail VII

Sep 22 Leavenworth Autumn Leaf Festival Parade

October: Oct 11 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

Oct 13 PSMC Planning and Board Meeting

November: Nov 06 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

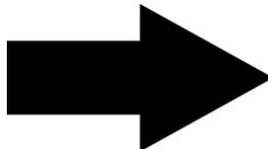
December: Dec 01 Members Appreciation Luncheon

Additional Events May Be Added At Any Time. Please check back at:

<http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org/page-1624266>

Miata Helpful Links

<https://www.miata.net/>



President's Message

By Charlotte Fellers

Are you ready for driving season? It's finally that time of year when our Miatas come out of the garage for the summer. Drop your tops and get ready for some fun opportunities to gather and enjoy your cars!

As I write this month's message, the PSMC board is preparing for Detailin' Day at Coop's Miata. We have had our event at Coop's in the past but gave the Coopers a break for several years, thanks to a generous sponsorship from Lee Johnson Miata in Kirkland. Lee Johnson's hosted our club in an open area on their car lot and provided lunch, trophies, and other prizes for members who attended. However, since the car dealership is expanding inventory, they no longer have room for us.

Coop's Miata has graciously invited us back to their property for our day-long event. We hope you attended and had a great time shining up your car and enjoyed the homemade chili provided by your board.

As we move into late May, we really need more volunteers to drive in parades on the Olympic Peninsula. First up is May 19, for the Viking Fest Parade in Poulsbo. The parade coordinator, Bill Hughes, has sent out the call for additional people to drive the Viking Fest Royalty in the parade this year, so if you aren't booked for the day, consider helping out these young ladies by giving them a ride in your

car. Another parade that still needs drivers is the Fathoms O' Fun Parade June 23. You can find more details on the PSMC website.

We recently hosted the New Members' Appreciation Drive, which turned out quite successfully. We had about 20 cars show up for the drive, which gave the leadership an opportunity to welcome our new members to the club and explain the ins and outs of how we go on drives together. Everyone was grateful for the pleasant "top down" weather for the short, one-hour, drive. If you missed it, you missed out!

Next up for drives this month is the Drive 4 Lunch, hosted by our past president, Ross Scott. This drive explores some little-known roads in the northern part of the Puget Sound and leaves from Monroe on May 26. I took this drive a few years ago and it featured some interesting twisty roads and stunning scenery. Lunch was a big hit, with a varied menu and lower-than-usual pricing for most menu items. The best part was eating lunch while watching horseback riding in the arena below at the Rhodes River Ranch. If you haven't taken this drive, you should definitely try it on for size. You won't be disappointed.

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**Mt. Rainier Overlook Drive
9:30am July 21, 2018**

President's Message

Host: Bill Bell

**Location: Mud Mountain Dam:
Enumclaw, WA.**

Join Bill Bell for this drive that starts outside Enumclaw and, as is often the case, ends with food. The drive begins at the Mud Mountain Dam Parking Lot. Arrive by 9:30am and spend 30-45 minutes taking some short nature walks or checking out the overlook for the Dam. This is an interesting park with a lot to see and do, so we'll begin here and at 10:15 or so, we'll have a drivers' meeting and head out for the Mt. Rainier Overlook.

Don't expect to see much snow in the higher elevations, but bring a jacket because it may be a little cooler on top of the overlook than down below. You'll have some nice photo ops and some winding roads to enjoy on this drive.

Once we reach the summit, we'll make a U-Turn and head back to Enumclaw for lunch at a local eatery (TBD).

Directions to Mud Mountain Dam:

From Hwy. 405, take the Hwy. 169 Exit (To Maple Valley/Enumclaw) and stay on it until you get to the Hwy. 410 Turnoff. Turn left and follow this road for about 7 miles and you'll see the turnoff to Mud Mountain Dam. We'll meet in the parking lot, so look for your Miata friends there.

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There are still spaces open on the calendar for the summer, so if you have an inclination to plan a drive, then let me know and I'll post it right on the website for you. Anytime we can add a new or different drive to the calendar, it is cause for celebration on the part of our cars, not to mention the cars' peeps!

Watch your mailbox this month for some important emails about club business that will impact all of us. In the meantime, I hope you enjoy the beautiful, long-awaited, spring/summer weather and get a little drive in with the top down!

**The Next First
Tuesday North-End
Cruise-In Social
will be in
October 2018.**

**Third Thursday South-
End Cruise-In Social
Jun 21, 2018 at 5:30pm at
Cheers in Renton, WA.
Please check website for
additional information.**

Hurricane Ridge Run

The Renton "Clueless" Drive

10:37am August 18, 2018

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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 enjoy the sigjts. 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.

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 \$80 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 links below for additional pass card information.

https://www.nps.gov/olymp/planyourvisit/fees.htm#CP_JUMP_754801

https://www.nps.gov/olymp/planyourvisit/fees.htm#CP_JUMP_754682

<https://www.nps.gov/olymp/planyourvisit/national-parks-and-federal-recreational-lands-pass.htm>

Hosted by Sean and Pam McGriff

Meet At: The Landing, 828 N 10th Pl, Renton, WA 98057

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.

Directions:

Southbound I-405: Take exit 5 from I-405 S turn right Continue on NE Park Dr to N. 10th Pl on your left.

Northbound I-405: Follow I-405 N Take exit 5 from I-405 Turn Left onto NE Park Dr to N. 10th Pl on your left.

Need Drivers for the Fathoms O' Fun Parade in Port Orchard, WA on June 23, 2018. Please visit <http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org/event-2775245> for additional information.

New Member's Welcome Drive 2018

Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas

By Ross Scott

April 29th was the perfect day for a top-down drive. Cool and overcast in the morning with the clouds slowly burning off throughout the day, keeping things cool while enjoying the topless freedom of a Miata. (Remember, one can always add clothing as required, but can only take off so much before people start complaining). What a great day to introduce new members to the club.

After lunching at Kidd Valley Restaurant in Gene Coulon Park in Renton, there was a short drivers meeting, where bags of Mazda branded freebies were awarded to the new members in attendance. Then we were off on a short drive to Boehm's Homemade Swiss Candies, with a mile long trail of 23 Miatas winding their way along twisty back roads and byways to their ultimate destination. Yum.

I consider this drive to be a success, because rather than descend upon the chocolate factory upon arrival like ants at a picnic, most of the group stayed in the parking lot talking about their cars and drives past, present and future. So much so, (and I am usually the last to leave), there were still at least ten Miatas in the parking lot when I left. We are a car club, after all.

Keep'em Zoomin!

Ross
New Member's Welcome Drive Pictures on
Page 8: Courtesy of Nancy Scott.

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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.

New Member's Welcome Drive 2018 Pictures



Spot That Thing

10am August 4, 2018



Host: Charlotte Fellers
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Jump in your Miata and get ready to "Spot That Thing." In this all-new route, you'll enjoy a 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.

This will be mostly an urban drive, so make sure you are ready for a little traffic and most likely, some road construction.

We'll start from the Des Moines Waterfront Park near Anthony's Restaurant.

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

Directions to Des Moines Waterfront Park:

From I-5 North or South, take Exit 149 (Kent-Des Moines Road) and go west toward the waterfront. Stay on Kent-Des Moines Road and get in the left lane. When you get to Marine View Drive, the road will curve to your right. You will see a Red Robin on the left. Get in the left turn lane (if you are in the left lane already, it turns into the left turn lane). Go all the way to the parking lot (you may see the Farmer's Market on your right).

There are restrooms at the park. If you arrive early you can check out the Farmer's Market before we leave.

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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.** 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)**. Puget Sound Miata Club
Sean Wells

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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!

Thanks to the following Miata dealers and businesses who provide PSMC member discounts (simply show your PSMC Card):

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Doug's Lynnwood Mazda (425) 774-3551

Mazda of Everett (425) 353-3403

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

Milam Mazda of Puyallup (253) 845-1766 /

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