

Miata Sounder



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NEW MEMBER'S WELCOME DRIVE 11AM APRIL 28, 2019

TIME: 11:00AM-3:00PM
DATE: APRIL 28, 2019 KIDD VALLEY IN GENE COULON PARK, RENTON.
HOSTED BY: ROSS SCOTT AND ALLAN OHLSEN

Are you new to the Puget Sound Miata Club and yet to participate in a club event? Or perhaps you have been a member for the last two or three years, wondering what else your club has to offer? Maybe you're a long time member looking to meet new members, have fun and go for a great drive. Come check it out; this event is for you.

Some of the goals of the PSMC is to see you get the most enjoyment from your Miata through club events and activities with like-minded people.

Please join us for a social time, no-host lunch, at Kidd Valley in Gene Coulon Park in Renton, followed by a great drive on some scenic and fun twisty roads. Some of your PSMC Board Members will be on hand, looking forward

to meeting you, explaining "How we do it" and answering questions.

This event is designed for the new member, but all are encouraged to join in. Please plan to come to this fun event and meet some terrific people that enjoy the Miata experience as much as you do.

The plan is to start at 11 a.m. with lunch, social time and presentations. At around 12:15 we will gather in the parking lot for a "drivers' meeting" before heading off for a one-hour adventure of fun roads. It should end by 3 p.m. Please RSVP so we (and the restaurant) can plan for you.

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DETAILIN' DAY

May 4, 2018 at 10:00am

**Location: Coop's Miata
20929 SE 232nd St.,
Maple Valley, WA**

THIS IS A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO GET YOUR CARS BUFFED AND SHINED UP, READY FOR THE SUMMER DRIVING WEATHER THAT IS (HOPEFULLY) JUST AHEAD. WE'LL COMMENCE THE ACTIVITIES AT 10 A.M. (NOT A MINUTE BEFORE).



This year's Detailin' Day will be at Coop's Miata in Maple Valley. Bill Cooper, a lifetime member of the club, has offered his property to host the 2018 event.

One of our most popular events, the day provides all club members the chance to vacuum and buff their cars in preparation for summer driving.

You can show up at 10 a.m. with your Miata and start the process with vacuuming your car. After that, you can get in line for the buffing station, and follow that with a final coat of wax to bring your baby to it's finest shine. All supplies will be provided by the club and Griot's Garage in Tacoma, another of our sponsors for this event; all you need to bring is some polishing cloths for the final steps and your own elbow grease. We have one member of the club who has offered to buff cars. However, if no one else steps up to volunteer, then you may well have to buff your own car! We'll provide the supplies and buffing equipment and you can provide the elbow grease. Our longtime buffers, past and present, will be on hand to coach you through the process. Obviously, we do have a need for some additional volunteer buffers. You can contact Tom Millar at tmillar100451@gmail.com and he'll line you up and explain the process (and the perks) of being a volunteer buffer.

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Coop's Miata

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An Open Letter

To our members, present and past, and all Miata Enthusiasts,

The year 2019 marks the 30th anniversary of the launch of the Miata on the American motorsports scene and brings about the time for a special celebration.

In the spirit of giving back for 30 years of driving fun, creativity, exploration of our beautiful Pacific Northwest and countless hours of volunteer effort, the Board of the Puget Sound Miata Club is hosting a 30-for-30 **30th Anniversary Holiday Party** on **Saturday, December 7, 2019** at the Cedarbrook Lodge in Seatac. The Cedarbrook Lodge is a beautiful venue nestled in the woods near I-5. It is known for its excellent hospitality and a delightful chef-inspired farm-to-table menu. There will be a block of rooms set aside for those who wish to make it a weekend.

This will be a perfect time to reconnect with old friends, make some new ones, tell stories, and share all of the memories that we have made on the road.

Once our plans are finalized, we will be sending out all of the details so you can plan, make your reservations, register, and pre-pay. We promise an entertaining evening and a celebration that you will not want to miss.

If you have questions or ideas, please email event coordinator, Karen Cooper, at klperry@comcast.net.

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President's Message

By Charlotte Fellers

This week, I glimpsed a sign that spring has finally peeked its head out from under the frozen tundra in the backyard. While there is still ice on the ground in the mornings (and often on the car windows), I noticed this weekend that there are tulips and hyacinths poking out this week. That's a good sign that our "top down" weather might be just around the corner. It can't come soon enough for me.

I hope you are saving your money to reserve a spot at our 30th Anniversary Celebration on Dec. 7. The board for the PSMC has signed a contract with the Cedarbrook Lodge for our venue this year. We are super excited about the prospect of planning an event at this beautiful and convenient, centrally located venue. The property was once the corporate office location for Washington Mutual Bank (remember them?), and it was remodeled into a resort lodge, restaurant, bar, and spa. There are a variety of different meeting rooms to suit all sizes of meetings. We've booked one to host our crowd but we may have to limit reservations, so start planning now so you don't miss this important anniversary not only for our club but for the car we all love.

The evening will feature lots of memories of drives, people, and places from the past 30 years. If you are a longtime member and have photos of past drives, places, and people, we'd love to get them into a power point

that everyone can enjoy that evening. Send them to Karen Cooper, or event organizer, who will take it from there.

Looking over the calendar, I wanted to send a shout-out to all you South Enders who may not have taken advantage yet of the chance to meet for Wednesday morning coffee in Puyallup. Dee Dahlke and Duncan Johnson host this weekly event for car geeks far and wide. They meet at the local Starbucks at 10 a.m. Check the website for the address and just show up. This event ends in March for this year, so plan to get there if you can make it and socialize.

I also want to mention the Topless Fun Run, preceded by the Omak to Kelowna Fun Run, which takes place over Memorial Day Weekend. This run will be popular with many people in Miata clubs all over the Northwest, so if you plan to go, better get busy making your reservations. It's hosted by the Okanagan Valley Miata Club but the "pre-event" fun run is led by Dee and Duncan. They have raved about this event to me for years, but scheduling does not usually work for me. Hopefully some of you can join the drive this year. You will need your passport, as it requires crossing into Canada, but this one promises to be a scenic, twisty road extravaganza! Check out our website for details to hook up with Dee and Duncan for the pre-run.

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One of the best times to drive a Miata in the Northwest, in my opinion, is in September. The weather is generally cooperative, the trees are just starting to turn, and you can sometimes drive with the top down 24 hours a day in September. Unfortunately, we don't have a single drive planned for September on our calendar. Board members have committed to host one drive each this year, but with only five of us, this leaves a lot of room for others to capture that "sweet spot" in the fall for drives. Maybe it's time for YOU to come up with a drive that everyone can enjoy in the fall. Send me your plans and I'll make sure to calendar them.

As we move into the spring/summer driving season, don't forget that Detailin' Day will give you a chance to spiff up your car before you go out for the summer. This event will be May 4 at Coop's Miata in Maple Valley. The club provides supplies to wash, wax, and buff your car and you provide the elbow grease. We'll have a lunch of chili with side fixins' and beverages. Coop's Miata is one of our corporate partners and provides water to wash cars and a great place to park and admire the shiny clean cars afterward. Last year, we were lucky to have a beautiful sunny day for this event, and people really had a great time hanging out in their lawn chairs and visiting, checking out under the hoods, and generally having a nice time. It's a good place to meet new people in the club and catch up with old friends. This is the place where I originally

joined the PSMC the first time ever! Check out the PSMC Website for more springtime activities. Meanwhile, I hope to see you at an event soon.

DETAILIN' DAY MAY 4, 2019 AT COOP'S MIATA

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As in the past, if a non-member wants to detail a car, cost will be \$20 (or you can just join the club for \$30).

Lunch will be provided by the board in the form of homemade chili of varying kinds, cornbread, chips, and cold beverages. Please RSVP so we will know how much product to provide and how much lunch to bring. Also, please bring an outdoor chair to sit in so you will have a place to rest your legs after you finish all the work.

Directions to Coop's Miata:

From I-405 take the Maple Valley Hwy. Exit (State Hwy. 169) at Exit 4. Turn right at SE 232nd St (you'll see the Park and Ride on the right and the fire station on the left). Go up the hill to Coop's Miata at 20929 SE 232nd St. Coop's is on the left.

**Third Thursday Cruise-In
Cheers Bar & Grill
May 16, 2019 @ 5:30pm
201 Williams Avenue
South, Renton, WA**

Puget Sound Miata Club 30th Anniversary

Date: Saturday, December 7, 2019

Time: 6pm-11pm

**Location: Cedarbrook Lodge, 18525 36th Ave S,
Seattle, WA 98188**

Mazda's Superstar Miata is 30 years old, and it's time to celebrate! You are invited to the 30th Anniversary Holiday Party, hosted by **The Puget Sound Miata Club** and **Coop's Miata**.

This dressy casual event will be held at the Cedarbrook Lodge, just off Interstate 5 in Seattle, on Saturday, December 7, 2019, from 6 to 11 pm. If you want to make it a weekend, you may reserve one of the Lodge's well-appointed guest rooms or there are several hotels within a short distance that can meet your needs.

You must be a past or present member of PSMC or a member of one of our sister Miata Clubs to attend. Your Party Package will include a buffet dinner ticket @ \$60.00, one drink ticket, and one raffle ticket per person. Valet parking is available, as well as self parking for those staying overnight at the Lodge. Fees apply. Packages will be picked up at the door, there will not be tickets available the night of the event.

Please register and pre-pay on the Event Calendar page of our website, www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org, as soon as possible and no later than October 7, 2019. Seating is limited, formal invitation to follow. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Karen Cooper
klperry@comcast.net

OMAK TO KELOWNA ROAD RUN

Hosted by Dee Dahlke and Duncan Johnson

Date: May 23, 2019

Time: 9:16am

Location: Best Western Pepper Tree In, Omak, WA

ToadHallWA@yahoo.com

253-845-2424 home

253-327-4368 navigator's cell

Your hosts plan to attend the Okanagan Valley Miata Club "Topless Sun Run" (TSR) at Kelowna, BC, on Memorial Day (US) weekend. The final 100 miles going to the meet will be over some of our favorite zooming roads and any Miatas are welcome to join us.

Meet us outside the Best Western Pepper Tree Inn at 820 Koala Ave., Omak, Washington 98841. (Meeting time 9:16 AM, leave at 9:31 AM, on Thurs. May 23, 2019.) How and when you get to Omak is up to you; your hosts will be at that hotel the night before. We'll drive some back roads, maybe visit a ghost town or two, have lunch at a local venue, and cross into Canada for more country and mountain driving. We'll get to the TSR mid-afternoonish in time to check in and do the opening activities.

Bring your valid passport! Do your own checking for border crossing requirements. We suggest you bring your rustic restroom supplies as we'll be out in the tooleydinks.

NOTE: You must pre-register with OVMC for the Topless Sun Run to attend that meet. Registration usually opens in February and is limited to 100 cars. Follow the host club website at:

<https://www.okmiataclub.com>.

Please also RSVP separately for this PSMC drive on our club web site so your hosts know who's coming along.

Upcoming Events — Something for Everyone!

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

April: Apr 02 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

Apr 18 Third Thursday Cruise-In

Apr 27 MG CAR CLUB 38TH ANNUAL TULIP RALLY

Apr 28 New Members' Welcome Drive

May: May 04 Detailin' Day

May 07 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

May 16 Third Thursday Cruise-In

May 18 Viking Fest Parade

May 23 Omak To Kelowna Road Run

June: Jun 01 PSMC Board Meeting

Jun 04 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

Jun 08 Drive to Lunch II

Jun 22 One Lap of the Lower Columbia River

Jun 29 Fathoms O' Fun Parade

July: Jul 04 Kingston Parade

Jul 05 Annual Pacific Northwest Historic Car Corral

Jul 07 Pacific Crest Trail Summit Drive

Jul 13 Run to Port Angeles

Jul 18 Expore Oregon (hosted by Willamette Valley Miata Club)

Jul 18 Two Lanes to Oregon

Jul 20 Miata Fly-In

August: Aug 10 Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas

Aug 17 The Renton "Clueless" Drive

September: September 03 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

October: Oct 01 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

Oct 18 Third Thursday Cruise-In

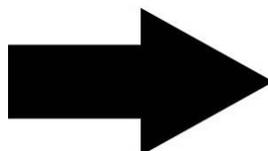
Oct 20 Autumn Mystery Tour

Oct 26 As the Leaf Turns

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

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

Miata Helpful Link
<https://www.miata.net/>



Viking Fest Parade

Time and Date: 11:30am May 18, 2019
Location: Burger King in Poulsbo, WA

One of the great things about a Miata is that it is a perfect vehicle for showing off princesses and queens in the back of the car! To that end, we have a contingent of Miata owners who attend local parades and will "show off" royalty for the local events. If you'd like to give it a try here are the details:

The Viking Fest Royalty count on our help every year for drivers, and the Miss Kingston Royalty also needs drivers for the parade. The number varies year to year, but rest assured, you will be appreciated by these organizations for your help! The parades provide an opportunity to "give back" to the community in a fun way. If your car is so, equipped, you may be able to house two young ladies, which lowers the number of cars needed for each event.

Please contact Bill Hughes at (360)265-2541 for more information and meeting points. Hope to see you there!

**First Tuesday North-End
Cruise-In Social April 2 and
May 7, 2019 at 5:30pm at
McMenamin's Mill Creek
13300 Bothell-Everett Highway
#304, Mill Creek, WA**



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MEMBERSHIP

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):

Coop's Miata of Maple Valley (425) 432-9666

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%

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