

# Miata Sounder



THE FIRST OFFICIAL UNITED STATES MIATA CLUB

October/November/December 2020

## Puget Sound Miata Club Elects 2021 New Officers and Board Members

**Date: October 11, 2020**

The PSMC Board held the fourth quarter board and planning meeting and elections over the Zoom Virtual Meeting website. The PSMC Board and members elected the following officers and appointed members for the 2021 Calendar Year:

President: Keith Medleau  
Vice President: Pat McNaulty  
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Charlotte Fellers  
Secretary: Tom Millar  
Sounder Editor: Bill Bell  
Membership Chair: Lauren Ferriby  
Past President: Ross Scott

Congratulations to all officers and appointed members.

The Board discussed the upcoming year, and we have added additional drives to the calendar for 2021. It was decided that events would not be

scheduled until April 2021 due to COVID-19 concerns. All events including the Member Appreciation Luncheon for December 2020 has been canceled. The board will discuss these issues at the next board meeting on January 9, 2021.

Some of the new drives for 2021 are the Miata Island Hopping Drive and the Snohomish Skagit Co-Ride in addition to the many drives, parades, and events held from past years.

The PSMC Board would like to hear from you. We can be reached at:

[board@pugetsoundmiataclub.org](mailto:board@pugetsoundmiataclub.org)

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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:

**Miata Sounder**

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# The President's Message By Ross Scott

Leaves falling, the daylight hours are getting shorter and we are in the fourth quarter of the craziest year in my memory. I wish I had something new to say or tell you about what happened this summer or will be coming up this fall, but the situation we are in has not changed and neither has human nature. Some clubs are having events, but our Board of Directors voted to abide by the State rules on events and gatherings. In the Navy, I was told that rules were written in blood. Meaning they were not arbitrary rules made up by some bureaucrat, they came from the experience of people on the ground.

On October 10th, we had our Elections and Planning meeting where we selected new officers and did our preliminary planning for the new year. We had a Zoom meeting, and as usual it was open to all members. A belated link to the meeting was sent out shortly before. We pretended there will be a

miracle and planned the second quarter and beyond, even though we will be lucky to attend the Gathering of Miatas in August. Just being real. The next Board and Planning meeting will be January 9th, 2021, at 11AM on Zoom. This will be my last message to you fellow members, as Keith Medleau will preside next year. It has been a privilege to serve. I only wish we could have had some fun drives instead of just imagining how great they would be. So, hang onto your car and your membership and we will still be the most fun club in the state! The drives and events will be even more enjoyable when they start back up!

Keep Zooming!

Ross

**PSMC Next Board Meeting:  
January 9, 2021 at 11am on the  
Virtual Zoom Meeting Website.  
Please contact:  
board@pugetsoundmiataclub.  
org for  
additional information.  
All members are welcomed!**

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# *A Letter To Our Members*

*To our Puget Sound Members,*

*Our PSMC Board met today as a part of our regularly scheduled Board Meeting. The Board discussed at length our events for the coming year. As you are all aware, the COVID-19 pandemic that gripped the world last March had a profound effect on our lives, including our cherished Puget Sound Miata Club events. However, we are taking an optimistic approach to next years events. The new 2021 calendar of events will be posted on our website soon and you will notice our calendar is once again populated with new events as well as returning events like Detailing Day and The Gathering. We as members of your PSMC board look forward to the day when we can have events that are fun and interesting while complying with both law and safety. Thanks to all who support our club and be advised that happy days will once again be with us!*

# Drive From The Past "Miata Fly In" July 23, 2016

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.

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# “Miata Fly In” Pictures Continued



# My Favorite Drive

## By Bill Bell

During the Christmas season of 2018, I traveled to Arkansas and Tennessee to visit my relatives. I flew into Little Rock, Arkansas to pick up my Miata from a storage unit and spent several days with my family. After Christmas, I usually travel to Florida to take in some sunshine and drive to either Tampa or Key West. This year's drive was Key West. I have taken this trip many times, as you can't go wrong being on an island that has such a rich history in ship salvaging and having military bases for accommodations.



It's a three-day drive to Key West from Tennessee and

driving my Miata is a challenge due to traffic. The benefits and the comfort outweighs the traffic when you finally arrive in the Keys.

Homestead, Florida is where I met up with Highway 1 to the Keys. The weather was in the low 80's, and the sun was shining making it a beautiful drive to my final destination. The top goes down when I stop for fuel in Key Largo.

Key West is the southernmost city in the United States, only 90 miles from Cuba and was once the largest city in Florida. You can drive directly to Key West from Miami in four hours over the Overseas Highway. The highway was formerly a railroad that was destroyed by a Hurricane in 1935 and turned into a highway in 1938. It connects 43 islands and crosses 42 bridges in the Keys, so have your camera ready for some beautiful pictures.

There are plenty of scenic viewpoints throughout the drive and the new bridges built are now parallel to the old railroad line that is still standing. There is so much to see



driving: State Parks, Museums, Marine Rescue Centers, and much more.

The ranking of the overseas highway to Key West is in the top 15 in the USA. It is the only unique drive in the United States seeing two

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# Puget Sound Miata Club

## "Eye On Members"

**Name:** Ross Scott

### **1. When did you become a member of the Puget Sound Miata Club (PSMC)?**

I joined the Puget Sound Miata Club in February 2012, shortly after retiring in October.

### **2. What do you like to do in the PSMC?**

My favorite activity in the club is the drives. One gets to meet new people, get a fresh-air country drive and have some good food at the end where one can catch up with old acquaintances from previous drives.

### **3. Why do you like Miata's?**

I like the Miata because it is the best engineered English sports car ever built. It starts every time that I do not run the battery down and the electrical system is practically bullet proof. Everything else is the experience of driving a pure sports car where one is surrounded by the machine. If you doubt that, where do you think all of that heat is coming from?



### **4. What year did you buy your first Miata?**

The car I have now is my first Miata that I purchased as the third owner of this 1993 in 2012.

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## "Eye On Members"

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### **5. What are the current Miata's you owned now?**

I still just own this one car, but am contemplating a hard-top convertible for the convenience of open-air driving when things are sketchy and the skies could open up at any second. Driving in the rain is fun, but eventually one has to slow below critical speed and get wet. The windows fog up real good good then when the top is put up due to the moisture and the heat coming out of the machine.

### **6. What is the farthest you have driven in your Miata?**

The farthest I have driven in my Miata was to Kelona for the Top-less Sun Run a few years back. There were some segments that were scenic and fun, but it is a lot of highway. It was a nine hour drive without any discomfort. I have always envisioned a Southwest fun trip, but that would be in a different car.

### **7. What is your favorite drive?**

My favorite drive is the drive I am on. But in lieu of that, it would be a drive that showed me somewhere new. A road I had not been on before, or so long ago I forgot. I loved my first New Member Appreciation Drive, as it took me from roads I knew to new roads behind them. It was my introduction to the club and the members who contributed. There was Mud Mountain Dam and Karen Cooper's Rally to Mineral, comprised of roads I have never been on and probably will not see again, plus a trophy!

# PSMC Rewind In Pictures



# PSMC Rewind In Pictures Continued



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## Upcoming Events — Something for Everyone!

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

All events except Board Meetings in 2020 are cancelled. Please check the Puget Sound Miata Club for the official 2021 events and updates:

<http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org/PSMCEventCalendar>

**October:** Oct 17 Fall City Drive-Canceled

Oct 24 Leaves To Lunch-Canceled

**November:** Nov 03 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social-Canceled

**December:** Dec 01 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social-Canceled

Dec 05 Membership Appreciation Luncheon-Canceled

**2021**

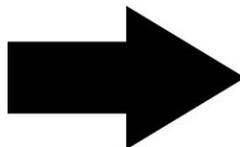
**January:** Jan 09 1st Quarter Planning and Business Meeting

## Puget Sound Miata Club

website link:

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

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



# My Favorite Drive

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bodies of water, many islands, coral reefs, and a beautiful city at the end



of the road.

The views are absolutely breathtaking with the Gulf of Mexico to the north and the Atlantic Ocean to the south. When you look out from your Miata and have the warm air around you, you see the clear blue water and coral reefs that stretch the length of the keys, the many islands in the distance, boats, people fishing, and swimmers while enjoying what nature has for us. You cannot go wrong with this drive!

Bring your camera and drive your Miata to Key West. It is the best drive I have taken as you experience it again when you leave Key West!



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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](http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org) or by sending your name, address, email, and a check for **\$30 (annual chapter dues)**. Puget Sound Miata Club

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- 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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