

# Miata Sounder



THE FIRST OFFICIAL UNITED STATES MIATA CLUB

July/August/September 2020

## Puget Sound Miata Club Special Board Meeting

## “Any Port In A Storm.” THE GREAT EASTER EGG ROAD RALLY OF 2020

**Date: July 18, 2020**

**Time: 11:00am-12:30pm**

**Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting**

The PSMC board will host a special meeting to make final decisions about upcoming drives depending on the Covid-19 guidelines that are set up for the state in July.

A major topic of discussion will be whether we can go ahead with the Gathering on August 8 as scheduled.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP and a Zoom meeting connection and phone number (optional) will be emailed to you. The link to the PSMC website is:

<http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org/event-3868167?>

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Hope you can attend and contribute your great ideas.

**By Duncan & Dee**

Like everybody else we got locked-down during the Covid-19 health emergency, our motorsports events calendar was wiped clean of events, and binge-watching reruns of “Hot In Cleveland” on some cable channel was a poor substitute for driving the back roads. Worse yet, our three school-age grandsons didn’t get to visit Grandma & Grandpaw’s farm for their annual spring Easter Egg Hunt around our woodsy acreage. What ever should we do?

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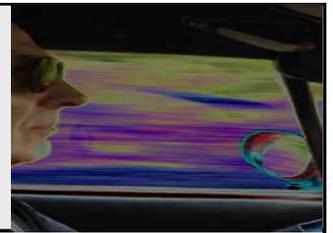
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# Ruminations Of A Miata Driver Miata Dreams By Ross Scott



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I am driving my Miata at speed with the warm air streaming through my hair. I am in third gear on uphill twisties, listening to the exhaust singing its beautiful note. This is a magical road, a perfect road. It has just the right proportion of esses, hairpins and straight-aways to keep from being boring or trance-forming, like some freeways can be. I come on to a straight and listen to the engine rev to the limit as I execute an upshift as smooth as guacamole and follow with another and then start braking for the next corner, a left hand hairpin, uphill. I heel-toe two perfect downshifts and enter the corner. Easy on the accelerator exiting for a smooth...

I am awakened by my cat on my nightstand letting me know it is 3 A.M. and time and time for his foray into the wild to set up an ambush at dawn, just for the fun of it. After the, "I was just kidding about going out," routine and the, "No you really weren't," treatment, I get

back to bed.

When I close my eyes, I review my dream. I notice my driving has improved immensely, as well as having hair that could be blown through. I am like the solo sailor at sea, who's brain manufactures content because of the lack of visual input upon a barren sea. Without any organized drive I do not get out as much and I am going into Miata withdrawal. Every time I close my eyes to sleep I am in the cockpit shifting gears and hearing the engine sing! There is no cure for this, except, maybe, a vaccine.

Yes, I have a car to drive, and a mighty fine one at that. I know I am preaching to the choir when I say it is not the same experience to drive without a destination with fun people there. Here, one is basically just driving a car with no destination except back home going nowhere. So I dream on. And dreams hopefully have a way coming true!

Go Miata!

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# My Favorite Drive

## By Charlotte Fellers

Back in 2018, I decided to take a drive from Auburn, WA, where I live, to Glenwood Springs, CO, where I had a condo at the time. I wanted to go spend some time at the condo, so I loaded up the trunk of the the Miata (a 1999 Emerald Mica) and took off.

The first night of the trip I planned to land in Ashland, OR, where I wanted to attend a play during the Ashland Shakespeare Festival. I had always wanted to go back there after we took the Miata trip back in 2009. The play I happened to at-



tend was no great shakes, but it was a lot of fun to be back in the city and the excitement of the Festival. It's a hopping place in the summertime with all the theaters and plays.

I got an early start the next day and drove through northern California. Unfortunately, there were some serious fires there. Though it was a beautiful day, I had to put the top up because I drove through a lot of charred country, still smoldering in places, and I found it hard to breathe through here. I headed to South Lake Tahoe for a pleasant night on the shores of the lake. (See the photo of Lake Tahoe at sunset).

The next morning, I stopped in Carson City, to visit the state capitol and get a state capitol stamp to add to my collection. It's always interesting to see what the various states choose to showcase in the capitol building. From there, I made the long, lonely drive across Nevada on Highway 50—on the Rand McNally Road Atlas, it actually says "Loneliest Road." I would agree.

After a long and boring day, I stopped in Delta, Utah for the night. The next morning, I visited the Topaz War Relocation Center, a museum that showcases the history of a Japanese relocation site in Delta. The most memorable thing here is the woman who runs it. She is extremely knowledgeable and loves  
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**“Any Port In A Storm.”**  
**THE GREAT EASTER EGG ROAD RALLY OF 2020**

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Aha! We did save their candy and the big plastic eggs we would hide it in. When restrictions were relaxed in early June we invited the family for a cookout and dusted off our personal motor-sports experiences and turned the event into an Easter Egg ROAD RALLY, only done on foot around our yard. Emphasis on rally, which even when scaled down to back yard size converted little kids' play into a Big Boy Activity and generated curious interest from the motorheads of the future. We set up a genuine Rally Checkpoint sign in the driveway to welcome everyone. Each boy got a set of printed driving directions to follow a complex route around the yard and locate six obscure checkpoints. At each checkpoint they had to find a hidden egg, put it in their tote bag, and boogie on down the rally course. Each "rally car" was sent on a different route, so no conniving. This is sounding more like a real sports car rally every minute. The finish line was decorated with Valvoline Oil checkered flag banners. Course marshals and checkpoint workers (the adults) were stationed at strategic intersections to direct traffic. Boys will be boys, and the Brothers Three picked up on the concept quickly and tore through the course despite it being declared Not A Speed Event in the General Instructions.

Here's a sample of typical route instructions. [With explanations added for readers without childlike curiosity.] Does this look like some Official Club Rally?

**ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS (Car No. 1):**

Straight out of garage.

CHECKPOINT: Did we get any mail? [Egg was hidden in culvert near mailbox]

Keep electric and gas meters on your left.

Left after detached garage on your left.

CHECKPOINT: Beware of spiders when looking for pick ax. [Egg was in a musty tool shed]

Go north out of checkpoint.

Go toward hydrangea plants with water bags, then...

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# The President's Message By Ross Scott

# Any Port In A Storm." THE GREAT EASTER EGG ROAD RALLY OF 2020

There is no doubt we are in the middle of the worse plague this world has seen in our lifetimes, made worse by the high mobility of the population. Travel from an active zone to a less active zone can spread the virus. This is not the flu! All we can do for now is to wear a mask, stay safe and stay home. That is a hard thing for anyone to do, and it is an odd one for a club premised on cars. But it is more about the people that own the cars, because without people there would be no cars. So we can get through this time as a club without drives and survive with the thoughts of good drives and times ahead.

The Board of Directors will have a Zoom meeting on July 18th to determine the viability of hosting the Gathering on August 8th, and perhaps our schedule for the rest of the year. All members are welcome to attend and participate. Our number one goal is that all of our members will be safe and live for another day!

Don't forget to take your gem-of-a-car out for safe drives by remaining seated the whole time.

Keep it Zooming!

**Ross**

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CHECKPOINT: Be careful on baby grass where sandbox used to be. [Egg was in bushes near newly seeded lawn.]

Go toward hydrangea plants with water bags, then...

Bear left.

CHECKPOINT: Keep on your lookout. [Egg was up in the lookout tower on backyard fort the boys built on earlier visits.

And on and on until they got them all. Nobody DNF'd. No protests were lodged. We didn't have to wait for scores to be calculated. The expected post-rally food and beverages and "bench racing" awaited contestants and officials at the finish line. No Miatas were harmed in this production!

**First Tuesday North-End  
Cruise-In Social is postponed until further notice.  
Please continued to  
check back on the Puget  
Sound Miata Club website  
for updates.**

# Puget Sound Miata Club

## "Eye On Members"

**A new series is being added to the Puget Sound Miata Club Sounder to ask members about being in the Puget Sound Miata Club and owning a Miata.**

Name: Bill Bell

When did you become a member of the Puget Sound Miata Club (PSMC)? 2006

What do you like to do in the PSMC?

Being a member of the PSMC Board and contributing to the club such as event leader of a run, parade driver, photographer, and Sounder Editor.



Why do you like Miata's?

It is a fun car to drive and being around members whom I can enjoy events with.

What year did you buy your first Miata? 2006

What are the current Miata's you owned now? 2011 True Red GT Hard Top and 2014 True Red Club Hard Top

What is your favorite drive? Drive to Port Angeles:

The drive started in 2019, has two restaurant stops, twisty roads, sea level and lake views of mountains, and a WWII bunker.

What is the farthest you have driven in your Miata?

Lynnwood, WA to Key West, Florida.

# 2018 Rewind In Pictures



# 2018 Rewind In Pictures Continued



# 2018 Year Rewind In Pictures

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# 2018 Rewind In Pictures Continued



# 2018 Rewind In Pictures Continued



# 2018 Rewind In Pictures Continued



## 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 TBD. Please check the Puget Sound Miata Club for the official 2020 events and updates:

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

**July: Jul 18** PSMC Planning and Board Meeting-Online Meeting

Jul 18 Drive to Port Angeles-Cancelled

Jul 25 Silverdale Whaling Days Parade-Cancelled

**August: Aug 04** First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social-TBD

Aug 08 Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas-TBD

Aug 15 Miata Fly-In-TBD

Aug 22 Mt. Baker Run-TBD

**September: Sep 01** First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social-TBD

Sep 12 Coop's Garage Swap Meet-TBD

Sep 19 Olympic Peninsula Tour-TBD

**October: Oct 06** First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social-TBD

Oct 10 PSMC Planning and Board Meeting--TBD

Oct 17 Fall City Drive-TBD

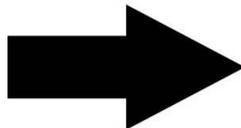
Oct 24 Leaves To Lunch-TBD

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

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

Dec 05 Membership Appreciation Luncheon-TBD

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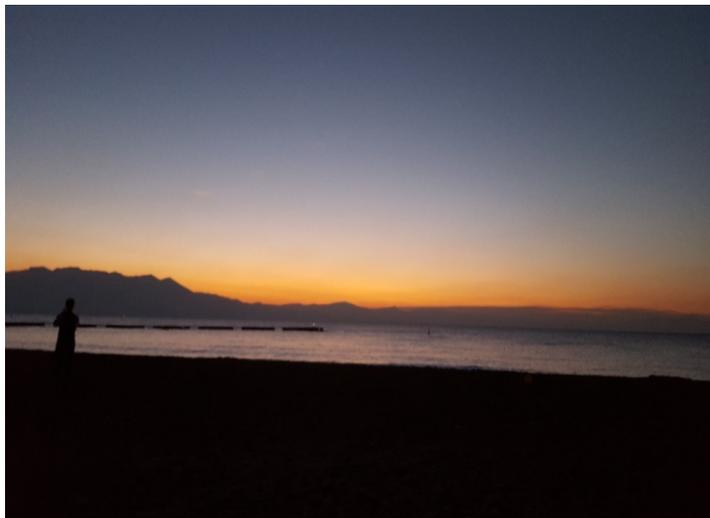


# My Favorite Drive

By Charlotte Fellers

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to talk about the artifacts in the museum. It's well worth two hours of your time if you ever find yourself in Delta, Utah. The next day, after driving through two rainstorms, I found my way to Glenwood Springs and my second home for a couple weeks. I made some new friends and enjoyed every minute of the trip



there. I came home via Denver and through Wyoming, but I had traversed that road a few times before, so there was not a lot of memorable stops on the drive home. The longest miles on that trip home were on Hwy 410, probably because it was the last 50 miles of the trip.

## 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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