

# Miata Sounder



THE FIRST OFFICIAL UNITED STATES MIATA CLUB

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## “Membership Appreciation Luncheon” January 15, 2022

### “Revised Details and Date”

**Hosted by PSMC**

**11:30 a.m.—2:00 pm Azteca  
Mexican Restaurant, Southcenter,  
Tukwila, WA**

We've brought back our very popular Membership Appreciation Luncheon, which took a hiatus in 2020 due to the virus. Because of scheduling conflicts, we've moved the date to January 15, 2022, but the fun will stay the same as always. Come on in and enjoy some time to eat together, grab a door prize, and celebrate the club as our 31st year of existence comes to an end.

This year the membership appreciation luncheon will be at the Azteca Mexican Restaurant in Tukwila. We'll start off with a lunch featuring a varied menu of Southwestern favorites. You will be ordering from the full menu and receive separate checks for lunch. You can view the Azteca Menu to get an idea of the choices available. Keep in mind that due to having a large group, a

tip will be added in automatically to your bill. Azteca warns that supplies may limit some menu items so prepare for a second and possibly third choice from the menu. Following lunch, we'll take a few minutes to recognize those club members who have contributed to the club by hosting drives, drive-in dinners, and other events throughout the year, including service to the club as board members.

Please sign up by Monday, Jan. 10, if you plan to attend, so we can have an accurate count for the restaurant. The address for Azteca in Tukwila is: 17555 Southcenter Parkway, Tukwila, WA 98188.

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# The President's Message

## By Tom Millar

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We're already into Fall and I find it hard to believe that Summer has passed so quickly! But 'O what a summer it was. I told my wife of forty-six years that I thought we should plan on staying in our home state for the Summer and deviate from our past practice of taking off.

Needless to say, I'm glad we did. The weather was magnificent, despite the drought we have endured. Thankfully our fires were not too out of control and we are now back to enjoying our "liquid sunshine" that we are all too accustomed to. And boy have we had some great rides!

Ross and Nancy Scott had two highly attended rides with their New Comer's Drive and their Drive to Lunch events. Bill Bell clearly was the most prolific ride creator, hosting a total of eight terrific rides for the Summer. Dee and Duncan Dahlke hosted their Two Lanes to Oregon ride, connecting with the Explore Oregon event. Bill Cooper hosted our first PSMC Swap Meet which

drew a good first year attendance. Our annual Gathering event was another resounding success as we drew over forty people for a PSMC hosted lunch, car show with trophies and a demonstration of car products provided by the good people at Griot's Garage in Tacoma. The second of the two rides that I hosted was reason for me experiencing another first in my life. On the Pacific Beach Experience ride, Ed and Patty DeLach celebrated their wedding vows overlooking the Pacific! We have more things to come this year with Ross and Nancy Scott hosting their ever-popular Leaves to Lunch drive to celebrate the glorious colors of Fall. The Membership Appreciation Luncheon set for the first part of December has been moved to January 15, 2022 at Azteca at Southcenter, Tukwila, WA. It will begin at 11:30am on Saturday. I must say, it's nice to be able to get out and enjoy our events once again!

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# The President's Message

## "Olympic Drive Northwest" Pictures August 28, 2021

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In a couple of weeks your PSMC Board will be conducting their quarterly meeting. This is a special meeting in that we will begin our event's planning process for 2022. We basically begin with a clean calendar and begin populating it with events beginning in April and continuing throughout the year. This is where I put out a plea to our membership to step up and offer up new rides for the year. We are in need of "new blood" in our ride creation and you can lean on our board members for advice and assistance in putting them together. All you need to do is ask! At the October Board Meeting the rides are kind of roughed out and are finalized during our January Board Meeting. So please come forward with your ideas. Ride ideas will also be accepted throughout the year.

As we enter into a quiet time of the year for our club I want to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season to you and your families. Keep on Zoom zooming!  
Tom

**First Tuesday North-End  
Cruise-In Social, 5:30pm,  
Dec 7, 2021 and Jan 4, 2022  
The Rock - Wood Fired Pizza,  
Bothell, WA**



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## **“The Pacific Beach Experience” By Tom Millar**

**Drive Held On September 18, 2021**

On cool September day our ride began at the Little Creek Casino in Shelton. At our driver’s meeting I made a special announcement that Ed DeLach announced that he his new bride, Patty, would be exchanging their wedding vows at our final destination, the Navy’s Pacific Beach Resort and Conference Center! Now folks, this is indeed a PSMC first! On the first leg of our journey we experienced some very delightful twisty roads as we made our way to our first stop in Aberdeen.

After stopping for supplies we continued our journey out of Aberdeen, westbound toward our final destination, encountering more twisty roads and wonderful little coastal towns. After everyone was finished checking into the resort many of our made our way to the large whale watching gazebo on the resort property where we witnessed the wedding between Ed and Patty. Following dinner, many of us gathered at the Millar chateau to swap stories and enjoy beverages of our choice. To our further amazement, and delight, Ed and Patty made a surprise visit, sharing some of their wedding cake with all of us. The following morning some of us walked along the beach before we all went our separate ways.

## **“New Members’ Welcome Drive”**

**Hosted by Ross Scott and Tom Millar; Date: April 30, 2022 @ 11am to 3pm**

**Location: Kidd Valley Restaurant in Gene Coulon Park, Renton, WA**

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.

Meet at Gene Coulon Park in Renton near Kidd Valley and buy a takeout lunch there or at Ivar’s or bring your own lunch. While in the past we have simply eaten lunch in the restaurant, we have adjusted to meet guidelines for social distancing. We

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# 2021 Winners of the People's Choice Awards at the Miata Gathering



Glenn Hay-Roe: Winner of the NA 1990-1997 Miatas



Mark Hunter: Winner of the NB 1999-2005 Miatas



Bill Bowdish: Winner of the NC 2006-2015 Miatas



Dee Dahlke: Winner of the ND 2016-2019 Miatas

Congratulations To All

## PSMC Business Meeting and Calendar Discussion

## “Summer Splendor - Back Roads of Snohomish County

**Hosts:** PSMC Board of Directors  
**Date:** January 8, 2022  
**Time:** 11am-12pm

**Place:** This meeting will be held on ZOOM and you may call into the meeting. Once you pre-register, the Zoom link and phone information will be emailed prior to the meeting.

Kick off the new year by attending the first meeting of the new board of directors and help steer our club into new roads and adventures!

This meeting will be the final opportunity to set the calendar for 2021.

If you have been thinking about hosting a drive and have some great ideas, bring them! We have lots of open dates on our calendar and we'd love to help you get that drive on the calendar! We can help with organizing and planning too.

After we finalize the calendar, we'll have the usual board meeting to check on the budget, expenses of the club, and discuss any other business the club needs to address. All members are cordially invited to attend and give your input to the club's operation. Remember, the club is only as strong as it's dedicated volunteers!

**Held on August 21, 2021**

On a pleasant Summer's day in the third week of August a merry group of Miata enthusiasts embarked on a pleasant parking lot in SE Everett and after our 18 participants loaded up on coffee and other treats we saddled up to begin our journey. This pleasant drive took us close to the town of Snohomish and then deviated southbound roughly following along the Snohomish River.

Many delightful twisties were encountered as we made our way toward Duvall. Farmlands were abundant on this journey and reminded us there are still so many small farms out there, producing food for us all. Out of Duvall we proceeded towards a truly delightful drive along the backroads of Snohomish County.

We met at the Safeway part of our journey, the Ben Howard road. The Ben Howard road provided us with wonderful curvy roads and more farms as we made our way along the tree-canopied roads to our next major turn northbound to Monroe. Our ride concluded at Tuscano's Italian where we enjoyed a great lunch in this family owned restaurant.

# “Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas” Pictures August 7, 2021



# “Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas” Pictures Continued



# Puget Sound Miata Club

## "Eye On Members"

**Name:** Vemund Aaro

**1. When did you become a member of the Puget Sound Miata Club (PSMC)?** Thanks for wanting to include me in the Eye on members. I became a member in late 2014 after going to the 25th reunion where I first met you.

**2. What do you like to do in the PSMC?** I like belonging to the club because of meeting folks like me that love their Miata's.

**3. Why do you like Miatas?** I have learned a lot more about the different models and how much differences and similarities they are.



**4. What year did you buy your first Miata?** I bought my only Miata in 2013, I didn't know much about them until I started looking for two seat sports cars. My brother in law let me drive his BMW Z3 and that started my search. I checked on Porsche, Z3, Audi and all were ok but I was concerned about maintenance costs. After entering "best two seat sports car for fun and maintenance" on line the Miata popped up as the best choice. I drove around to several dealers and found one close by.

**5. What are the current Miatas you owned now?** It's a 2007 Touring in Highland green, 62,000 mile when I bought it 115000 on it now. It is basically stock only some visual changes.

**6. What is the farthest you have driven in your Miata?** I have driven it twice to Laguna Seca race track twice for Miata reunions and to Las Vegas NV.

**7. What is your favorite drive?** Favorite drives are many, Hurricane Ridge, Trip to lunch by Oso and any trip that takes me somewhere I have never been before.

# Chuckanut and Anacortes Drive and Pre-Run Pictures August 14, 2021



# My Favorite Drive (er, Navigation) by Duncan Johnson, Reporter-At-Large

This story is coming to you from the passenger seat because my wife (Dee Dahlke) is the Miata owner-driver at our house. That's fine, as your reporter has been a rally navigator since boyhood and he enjoys finding and following the obscure routes of our club's road events.

My all-time favorite Miata drive was the multi-day PSMC run to the Monterey (Calif.) Historic Weekend way back in 2001. About 15 PSMC Miata-



as met in Kent, then cut across to Lincoln City, Oregon, and followed the coast highway (US 101 and California 1) all the way to the Monterey Peninsula. The car count expanded and contracted along the way as "civilian" Miatas would tag along with our group for a while. Everybody knows the winding Highway 1 is seriously narrow and we appreciated the petite size of a Mi-

ata when we had to squeeze between whale migrations of oncoming giant RVs while overtaking bicyclists in our own lane. Our little roadsters did a very special morning zooming San Francisco. Crossing the Golden Gate Bridge the lead car paid the toll for the rest of the pack of Miatas, and then we plunged down into the Presidio, starting a mid-morning city drive laid out by one tour member who was a native of The City. Our formation cruised past the photo-scenic row of "painted ladies" (Victorian Houses), we slalomed down Lombard Street (the world's crookedest street) and we hill-climbed to the top of Twin Peaks. There we all tried their new Power Porta Potties, high tech out-houses which pressure-wash themselves after every user. Our lap of San Francisco was a Miata-size version of the chase in the "Bullitt" movie. Today some local do-gooder would probably Notify The Local Authorities to spoil the fun.

Once we got established in Monterey our group did everything those endless mega-motor-events had to offer, from zooming the very

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# My Favorite Drive (er, Navigation) by Duncan Johnson, Reporter-At-Large

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technical Laueles Grade Road to the Pebble Beach Concours d' Elegance to Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca to a Mazda-sponsored dinner featuring the great Paul Frere (1960 LeMans winning driver, European editor of Road & Track, and advisor to Mazda racing.) There is amazing camaraderie across the sports car hobby and here are examples. PSMC Miatas all motored out to Quail Lodge in Carmel Valley to attend the Concorso Italiano, a show of exotic Italian cars that had Ferraris parked four abreast the whole length of a Par-5 golf fairway. Local marque clubs also had reserved parking in the spectator areas for their own favorite brand of sports cars, and at the other extreme from the Ferrari Fairway our Miatas had just as much fun as the high dollar brands. Next day out on the Pebble Beach show lawn we spotted a 1930s Hispano-Suiza giant luxury touring car. It had a flying stork for a radiator ornament and in some kind of a gag this one's beak held a miniature diaper containing a baby "Hot Wheels" Ferrari model. We chatted with the owner and he ex-

plained the stork was delivering the next generation of classic car restorers. Later we discovered he was Jacques Harguindeguy and he had won Best Of Show the previous year. Thus he could get away that stunt and he had no problem talking with us mere mortals.

That event was long ago, but today any enthusiast can get the same effect on a drive that chooses the winding two-lane blacktop on the way to and from Big Miata Week-ends like Explore Oregon, Topless Sun Run, Hot Lava and more.

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## New Members' Welcome Drive

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will grab tables outside the restaurant where we'll socialize for a time and then have a driver's meeting before our 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.

# “Run to Port Angeles” Pictures July 31, 2021



# “Run To Port Angeles” Pictures Continued



# “Snoqualmie River Valley Run” Pictures September 11, 2021



# *A Letter To Our Members*

*To our Puget Sound Members,*

*Volunteers*

*It is amazing if you think about it. This club, and many others like it, are run completely by volunteers. No one gets paid, but people step up and contribute whether it is serving on the board, handling membership duties or even coming up with a drive. This is where you come in. We need more volunteers as people age out and relocate to other climes. Please let me, or a board member know you would like to help out. Maybe you have a skill like website management, or you are an accountant or a people person. We need or will need soon, these skills to perpetuate this club and make it as fun as it is.*

*Thank you,*

*Keep on keeping on!*

*Ross Scott*

## Upcoming Events — Something for Everyone!

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

**Dec:** Dec 07 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

**Jan:** Jan 04 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

Jan 08 PSMC Business Meeting and Calendar Discussion

Jan 15 Membership Appreciation Luncheon

**Feb:** Feb 01 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

**Mar:** Mar 01 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

**Apr:** Apr 02 PSMC board meeting

Apr 05 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

Apr 09 Engine Health Day

Apr 23 MG CAR CLUB 39TH/40TH ANNUAL TULIP RALLYE

Apr 30 New Members' Welcome Drive

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

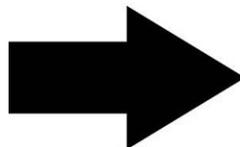
May 28 Drive to Lunch

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

## Puget Sound Miata Club

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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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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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