

Miata Sounder



THE FIRST OFFICIAL UNITED STATES MIATA CLUB

October/November/December 2023

Puget Sound Miata Club Holiday Luncheon

December 2, 2023 @ 11:45am

Host: PSMC Board

**Location: River Rock Grill,
Renton, WA**

Time: 11:45am-2:00pm

We are back at the beautiful River Rock Grill in Renton. The River Rock Grill features traditionally American offerings from sandwiches and salads to south of the border favorites like fish tacos and burritos. The restaurant is situated with nice views of the Maplewood Golf Course. For this year's Holiday luncheon, you will be ordering off the restaurant's menu on a separate check basis. You are encouraged to check out their menu on line to get an idea of their offerings.

2024 rides and events. Finally, we'll cap off the event with a raffle, featuring many great prizes! Please sign up early if you plan to attend so we can have an accurate count for the restaurant.

The address for River Rock Restaurant in Renton is:

4050 Maple Valley Highway

Renton, WA 98058

(425)430-0311

The link is: <https://pugetsoundmiataclub.org/PSMCeventCalendar>



Following lunch, we will be recognizing club members who have contributed to the club by hosting drives, standing monthly dinner get togethers and

other events throughout the year. We'll also take some time to recognize our PSMC Board members. We'll also spend some time to highlight some of our upcoming

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The President's Message

By Tom Millar

During my early morning walk a few weeks ago I felt the hint of Fall as summer fades and soon the dreaded task of blowing, raking, and picking up seemingly unending piles of leaves will soon be upon me. No longer can I automatically don shorts and leave behind the jacket as an ever-increasing coolness has replaced the balmy summer breezes. Then again, like most things in life, changes occur throughout our days on earth and Bob Dylan epitomized this in his song, "The Times They Are A-Changing". Our Puget Sound Miata Club, and the car it represents, is no exception to this phenomenon. Like the car itself we have seen our club evolve as some of the newness has diminished and is replaced with a rich following of like-minded folks who know its history and who enjoy the original spirit of the car and the fellowship it inspires.

My, what a summer indeed! By and large, our summer weather couldn't

have been more optimum, with bright and sunny days, with temps largely in the 70's and 80's. The month of June brought us Bill Bell's Miata Island Hopping Drive. I led the short, but sweet, Summer Splendor Drive, and Bill Bell gave us a new drive called the Three Rivers Drive. Ingvar Carlson once again brought us the Miata Fly-In Event and Dee and Duncan provided their one day Two Lanes to Oregon Drive which meets up with the massive Explore Oregon Event. August was ushered in by our largest yearly event, The Northwest Gathering of Miata's, which featured a car show & trophies, lunch, and a robust prize raffle. Other events in August included Olympic Drive Northwest and Whatcom & Skagit Counties Select Tour. September brought us to our recurring social event known as First Tuesday which was held outdoors at Burger Master in Bothell. Rich Sawyer provided a new drive, the Little Mountain Drive, and

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website for details.**

Leaves To Lunch

October 21, 2023 @ 9:30am

Host: Ross Scott

Location: Monroe Plaza across from Monroe Chevron on 19829 Highway 2, Monroe, WA 98272

Join me for a great, colorful drive as we explore some interesting back roads in the north end of the Puget Sound and, hopefully see some beautiful autumn leaves.

A somewhat different route than the "Drive To Lunch" with the same destination, this is a leisurely meandering 50-mile drive along scenic back roads to lunch at the famous Rhodes River Ranch, located just outside of Oso, WA. It is on the second floor of a horse arena, with a glass wall for a view of the horse venue. There is no special event scheduled for this day, but people can be observed working their horses from time to time.

The lunch menu is quite extensive and is moderately priced. There are gluten-free items on request.

From here, everyone can make their way home through Arlington to Highway 9, and from there, connect to I-5 if desired. Of course one can always trace the route in reverse, or get lost on the maze of parallel roads on return.

We will meet up at 9:30 AM in the Monroe Plaza parking lot across from the Monroe Chevron on Highway 2 at the east end of Monroe. Driver's meeting will be at 9:45 for a 10 a.m. commencement of activities.

Monroe Plaza, 19829 US 2,
Monroe, WA 98272

And end up at:

Rhodes River Ranch
22016 Entsminger Rd
Arlington, WA 98223
(360) 474-8313

This will be about a two-hour drive with one rest stop for the weary.

DIRECTIONS FROM I-5:

Take Highway 2 exit east in Everett. About 40 miles from the exit.

HIGHWAY 522:

Drive north on Highway 522 to the end in Monroe and take Highway 2 east.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

WVMC “EXPLORE OREGON” REVISITED

By Dee & Duncan
(in her 2019 orange “Zatarah”)

The “Explore Oregon” weekend meet is put on every year by Willamette Valley Miata Club (<http://www.oregonmx5.com>) and each time it moves to a different destination in that state, drawing 80+ cars. Cruise in Thursday, welcome party that night, go on scenic drives etc. Friday and Saturday, big banquet Saturday night, go home Sunday. This year’s meet was at the



mega Mount Hood Resort in the village of Welches, at the SW corner of Mt. Hood.

We hosted the traditional “Two Lanes To Oregon” run to get local club members from Puget Sound area to the meet via back roads, avoiding freeways. The drive started in Enumclaw to be at the outside edge of our local Urban Sprawl, but that meant everyone had to get *through* the sprawl at AM drive

time to be there. Ugh. Thence over Chinook Pass (5432 feet) to Yakima, had lunch at the classic Miner’s Drive In, over Konnowac Pass Rd., then down US 97 past Hood River, with a pit stop at the yummy St. John’s bakery (at a Greek orthodox monastery) for mid-afternoon desert, 291 miles to the resort entrance.

Friday we went on the lavender and wine run, about 125 miles. Others opted for a drive to Oregon Raceway Park, a private no-spectators road-racing course, where they could take supervised familiarization laps en masse, not getting quite to racing speeds. We had done that at a previous meet. So our group wandered the best little “sports motoring” roads through a lavender farm and 4 wineries all along the Hood River Fruit Loop of agribusiness (they actually call it that, as a scenic drive for tourists.) Lunch was at Hood Crest Winery & Distillery. That meant we could have our favorite mushroom/herb/multi-cheese pizza there, all accompanied by the unique “Mr. Gray,” their barn cat who greets everybody.

Saturday our drive was the Clackamas River Run, again into the deep woods where normal people were

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**Haunted Halloween
Drive
October 28, 2023
@ 9:30am**

**WVMC "EXPLORE
OREGON" REVISITED**
By Dee & Duncan
(in her 2019 orange
"Zatarah")

Host: Rich Sawyer

**Location: Arlington Safeway,
20500 Olympic Pl, Arlington, WA
98223**

Join me for an October drive through the woods to Concrete where we will park downtown for a restroom break, downtown Concrete was used in the movie "this boys life" starring Leonardo Di-Caprio and Robert DeNro. We will continue to Sedro Wooley where we will stop at abandoned Northern State Hospital (supposedly haunted) and get some pictures of our cars in front of the old buildings. Should be lots of trees with changing leaves and views of the river along the way.

At the conclusion of our drive, we will head back towards Arlington on Highway 9 and have some lunch at Hubb's Pizza & Pasta in Arlington. There is easy access back to I-5 from Hubb's.

We will meet at the Arlington Safeway, 20500 Olympic Pl, Arlington, WA 98223, at 9:30am and have a quick drivers meeting at 9:50, plan on starting the drive at 10:00. Plan on three to four hours for the event.

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camping, not driving. Oregon paves their forestry roads! All sorts of rewarding new places to drive if someone explores them well, and we love the fresh mountain air. Alas, being out in the woods means No Rest Rooms. Plan ahead. Closer to civilization (almost to Portland) toward the end of that run we encountered hundreds of bicycles on our chosen little back road, but they were all going the other direction so no bother for us. Much waving! Maybe it's some common feeling because we roadsterpersons are out in the air like bicyclists. That night it was the Official Banquet With Raffle where we never win anything.

Explore Oregon replays the atmosphere of classic sports car meets of the 1950s like a Watkins Glen race weekend, plus it is also a motorized "Third Place" social gathering, which everybody enjoys. For 2024 Explore Oregon moves to Tillamook. Watch for online announcements and mark your calendars.

**First Tuesday North-End
Cruise-In Social,
November 7, 2023 @ 5:30pm
The Rock - Wood Fired Pizza,
Bothell, 1918 201st PL SE,
Bothell, WA**

President's Message

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Jim Alexander reprised his wonderful Kruze Kitsap Drive which I attended and must admit I saw areas of the Sound I never knew existed!

I extend a special shout out to Bill Bell for reviving our participation in parades which provides a great service to these events and provides us with additional positive exposure.

Again, I would encourage members to sponsor new drives as this is how the club continues to exist. Remember too, there are plenty of seasoned members who would be pleased to help! Your PSMC Board met via Zoom this past Friday, September 29th, to conduct our 4th Quarter PSMC Board Meeting. We had a full agenda which includes recurring topics such as our club finances, social media & communications, and new business.

Your Puget Sound Miata Club continues to remain solvent and financially stable. Last Quarter we discussed

our new hat and logo initiative which resulted in the club selling all but three of the original thirty-four hats ordered! Bill Snowden, along with his lovely and talented daughter, were recognized for their efforts in pulling this project together. We also discussed our upcoming PSMC Holiday Party which will be at our returning venue, River Rock Grill in Renton.

That's about it from me for now. Continue to enjoy the rides and events as the season continues to unfold. In the meantime, keep on "zoom-zoom'in"!

Tom



**First Tuesday North-End
Cruise-In Social,
December 5, 2023 @ 5:30pm
Midori Teriyaki, 1912 201st
PI SE, Bothell, WA**

**Location: Sonoma
Raceway, Sonoma, CA
Date: October 20-22, 2023
Starts: October 20, 2023
at 3pm**

**The 2023 Miata Reunion is
returning to California!
General Admission is \$25.00.
Additional information
at: <https://miatareunion.com/>**

Whatcom and Skagit Counties Select Tour August 19, 2023



2023 Puget Sound Miata Club Parade Pictures



Olympic Drive Northwest

August 12, 2023



Miata Three Rivers Drive July 22, 2023



Olympic Drive Northwest Continued



Little Mountain Drive

September 23, 2023



Little Mountain Drive Continued



Kruze Kitsap

September 16, 2023



Kruze Kitsap Continued



Kruze Kitsap Continued



Upcoming Events — Something for Everyone!

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

Oct: Oct 20 Miata Reunion, Sonoma, CA

Oct 21 Leaves To Lunch

Oct 28 Haunted Halloween Drive

Nov: Nov 07 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

Dec: Dec 02 PSMC Holiday Luncheon

Dec 05 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

Jan 2024: Jan 2 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

Jan 05 PSMC Business Meeting and Calendar Discussion

Jan 18 Third Thursday-Coastal Cruise-In Social

Feb: Feb 06 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

Feb 10 Mud Run-TBD

Feb 15 Third Thursday-Coastal Cruise-In Social

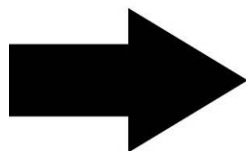
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Mar 21 Third Thursday-Coastal Cruise-In Social

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



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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 **\$35 (annual chapter dues)**. Puget Sound Miata Club
Sean McGriff

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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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