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Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas

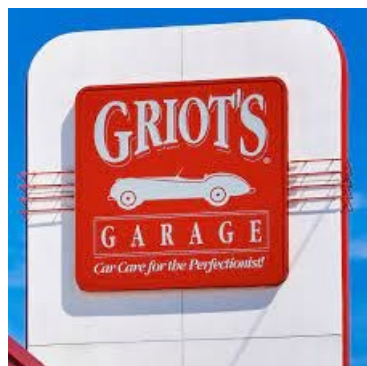
August 5, 2023 @ 10:00am

Host: PSMC Board

**Location: Griot's Garage,
Tacoma, WA**

It's time again to mark your calendars to attend the annual Gathering of Miatas. As in past years, we have scheduled the cabana at Griot's Garage in Tacoma for our event this year.

If you have never been to Griot's in Tacoma, then you are missing out! It's a great place to stock up on your car polishing supplies. As one of our partners, Griot's Garage welcomes us every year to host our gathering in their parking lot.



Additionally, they sponsor a one-hour tech program where they explain the use of the car maintenance supplies they sell and why they are

such good products. Their address is: 3333 S. 38th St, Tacoma. You can check out their website at www.griotsgarage.com.

We'll start off at 10 a.m. with the "Drive-In" to Griot's and to give you an hour to spiff up your car. Then the Tech Program begins at 11 a.m. followed by lunch, which will be provided by your PSMC Board of Directors. Please RSVP so we can have a head count for the food order.

Update: When arriving at the Gathering, please park in the following areas on the grass:

NA - South Side nearest Griot's Building

NB - North Side farthest away from Griot's

NC - West Side nearest the trees

ND - East Side nearest the street

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The President's Message By Tom Millar

Yes, summertime is upon us with its warm and balmy days! It's at this time of summer that I remember Janis Joplin's rendition of "Summertime". With her soulful and sometimes raspy voice, Janis delivered the best version of this song in 1969. It was a different time back then, with high school graduates, including me, looking at the edge of adulthood and contemplating options of going to work or college, all the while wondering what Uncle Sam had in store for us with the draft and Viet Nam. A lot has changed since these times as we now face new challenges consistent with life in 21st century. Our Puget Sound Miata Club has also witnessed changes over the years since its inception in 1990. One thing remains constant however, our deep love for driving our little Miata lovelies!

Our driving season has kicked off with several rides. Notably among these was our New Members Drive which once

again attracted a sizable crowd. Bill Bell hosted some early season drives which were also well attended. Ross and Nancy Scott once again led the Drive to Lunch event which attracts a solid following. During my Summer Splendor Drive I commented that that our events has experienced an uptick in ride participation over the recent years and it is refreshing to see. Our summer season will have many more ride and event opportunities including our largest event of the year, The Gathering, in early August. If you haven't already signed up, I would encourage you to do so. Remember too, you also can host a ride and there is plenty of assistance available within the club ranks to assist you in putting a ride together! Last Friday evening your PSMC Board met via Zoom and conducted our 3rd quarter Board Meeting. We had a full agenda which include our club finances, social media, and communications. I am pleased to
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Available. See our
website for details.**

**Miata Three
Rivers Drive
July 22, 2023
@ 9:00am**

Host: Bill Bell

**Location: Safeway, Smokey Pt,
3532 172nd St NE, Arlington,
WA.**

If you want to enjoy a drive to Darrington, Rockport, Concrete, Sedro Wooley, and other small towns with many views, this is your event.

Meetup will be at the Safeway Parking Lot in Smokey Point, Arlington, WA at 9:00am and driver's meeting at 9:15am and leave at 9:30am on July 9, 2022.

While driving, we will be taking the other roads through some of the towns and you will see Mt Baker, beautiful landscapes, and Cascade Mountains with some twisties while driving. There will be one bathroom stop at 5b's Bakery & Eatery en-route, and one at Safeway and Double Barrel BBQ. Please bring a jacket, sunglasses, camera, water, sunscreen, etc. as we will be near the rivers, in the sunshine, and hills. The drive with a stop or two will take around 3.0 hours.

We will see you there!

Zoom Zoom!

**Olympic Drive Northwest
Rescheduled to
August 12, 2023
@ 8:30am**

Hosted by Bill Bell

**Location: The Coffee Oasis -
Kingston Café, 11212 NE State
Hwy 104, Kingston, WA**

If your looking for an Olympic Drive in the northern section of the Olympic Peninsula that has twisty roads and sightseeing areas, you have found it. We'll meet at the The Coffee Oasis, Kingston Café, Kingston, WA for coffee and a limited breakfast at 8:30am followed by the driver's meeting at 9:15am in front of the building. The drive begins at 9:30 and we will be driving Chicken Coop Road, Ediz Hook near the Coast Guard Station at Port Angeles and Salt Creek Recreation Area with a bathroom at each stop to our final destination restaurant around Port Angeles.

Please bring warm clothing, sunglasses, sunscreen, as we will be at sea level, in the hills, and a camera to take pictures of the beautiful areas of the Olympic Peninsula and maybe Vancouver Island. The drive with rest stops will take around 4 hours depending on the amount of time at each stop.

**PSMC Gathering Planning
Meeting, July 27, 2023
@ 5:00 via Zoom. Visit
PSMC Website for Details!**

Whatcom and Skagit Counties Select Tour August 19, 2023 @ 10:00am

Host: Tom Millar

Location: Holiday Gas Station & Market, 887 Nevitt Rd, Burlington, WA

This ride will cover select scenic routes in both Whatcom and Skagit counties. This ride will take us down Highway 20, towards Anacortes, for a short distance. From this point forward, our fun begins. After visiting the iconic locations of Bow and Edison, we will begin the spectacular Chuckanut Drive, with all its splendid views and twisty-turns. This route is well noted in the travel magazines and is considered a "must see" in Washington State.

From this point we will navigate around Bellingham, passing Lake Padden, while proceeding to the Whatcom Lake Shore Drive. Lake Whatcom is truly a beautiful lake and this route affords the opportunity to enjoy qualities of this lake view drive.

After a short break at Sudden Valley, we will continue our journey, passing several small lakes before coming to the thriving metropolis of Alger. From here we will make our way to Bow where we will stop and enjoy lunch.

We will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 7th, at the Holiday Gas Station & Market. Located on Highway 20, 887 Nevitt Rd, Burlington, WA, right off I-5 at exit 230 on the left a short distance up the road.

Following a quick driver's meeting, we will begin our tour. Point of contact for the tour is Tom Millar at 425-623-8181.

Miata Reunion October 20, 2023 @ 3:00pm

Location: Sonoma Raceway, Sonoma, CA

Date: October 20-22, 2023

The 2023 Miata Reunion is returning to California and honoring 25 years of the NB.

Join the 2023 Miata Reunion at Sonoma Raceway for an exciting weekend filled with a wide range of fun activities, including plenty of social interaction, the Moss Miata Car Show, the Flyin' Miata AutoX and two days of exciting track time.

There are many events at this reunion so check it out at: <https://miatareunion.com/>.

General Admission is \$25.00.

North Cascades Highway Over & Back August 26-27, 2023

Hosted by Don Hutchins

Location: Bob's Burgers and Brew, 8822 Qui Ceda Parkway, Tulalip

Start: August 26, 2023@10am

End: August 27, 2027@10am

Join us for a fantastic 2-day drive thru the American Alps, to Washington's best Cowboy town. This is a ride Susan and I have done every year since we've lived here, often more than once, by motorcycle in our younger days and by Miata now that we're on 4 wheels. We perfected it in recent years with the overnight stop in Winthrop.

We'll meet at Bob's Burgers & Brew, 8822 Quil ceda Parkway, SE corner of their parking lot in Tulalip (I-5 exit 200) for a 10:30 Drivers Meeting with departure at 11:00. Route will be I-5 N to exit 208, then WA 530 E to a brief stop at the Oso slide memorial before our lunch stop, Moe's in Darrington. After lunch, the route is 530 N to WA 20 E at Rockport to North Cascades National Park, then continuing on 20 E to rest stop 1, Diablo Lake Vista Point. From Diablo Lake again 20 E to Washington Pass Observation Site - rest stop 2 then 20 E to our overnight in Winthrop.

Room and board in Winthrop are re-

gretfully on your own. No place there can handle our group. We'll be staying at the SUN MOUNTAIN LODGE, highly recommended! Be sure to get a room there, or elsewhere in Winthrop, before registering for the trip.

The return route will be your choice. I highly recommend the same route Westbound. The morning sun on Early Winters Peaks is truly spectacular, and the "S" curves thru the National Park cannot be beat. But you may prefer to complete a North Cascades Loop from Winthrop using 20 E to WA 153 SE, down the Methow River to WA 97, and WA 2 W home thru Leavenworth.

Either way, this is a spectacular weekend in your Miata! One caveat: leave EARLY Sunday. Both 20 and 2 are jammed after noon!

**Special First Tuesday
North-End
Cruise-In Social
August 1, 2023
@ 5:30pm
Burgermaster - 18626
Bothell-Everett Highway,
Bothell**

**Kruze Kitsap
September 1, 2023
@ 9:30am**

Host: Jim Alexander
**Location: Kingston, Safeway,
8196 WA HWY 104, Kingston,
WA**

UPDATE: Last weekend my wife and I ran the route I've planned for Kruze Kitsap. While this is my first time leading a drive, I think you'll be happy with the route we're going to take. There are several curvy spots interspersed with a couple of hilly sections. We'll end up in Belfair with lunch at the Burger Claim restaurant. I had their fish and chips yesterday, and it was pretty tasty! This will be a fun trip on some backroads in Kitsap County that I'll bet you've never driven before!

If you're coming over on the Edmonds – Kingston ferry, plan to take the 9:35 boat. I know that ferry wait times have been trying the patience lately, but I'm hoping that everyone makes the boat. Plan to leave the Kingston Safeway parking lot, 8196 WA HWY 104, about 10:30 to 10:45ish. We'll make our way towards Bainbridge Island, taking in some great back roads towards Seabeck and the sound end of Hood Canal. We'll stop for lunch in Belfair and then head towards Bremerton, Bainbridge Island and then finish in Kingston.

South Sound folks may want to take the Bainbridge Island ferry back to Seattle rather than completing the trip to Kingston. Can't wait!

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

Host: Rich Sawyer
**Location: Arlington Safeway
20500 Olympic Pl 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 DiCaprio and Robert DeNiro. 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 I5 from Hubb's.

We will meet at the Arlington Safeway, 20500 Olympic Pl 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.

**First Tuesday North-End
Cruise-In Social
September 5, 2023
@ 5:30pm
Burgermaster -
18626 Bothell-Everett Highway,
Bothell, WA**

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!

New Members Welcome Drive Pictures April 29, 2023



New Members Welcome

Drive Pictures Continued



New Members Welcome

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New Members Welcome Drive Pictures Continued



New Members Welcome

Drive Pictures Continued



2023 Puget Sound Miata Club Parade Pictures



2023 Puget Sound Miata Club Parade Pictures Continued



Drive To Lunch Pictures

May 27, 2023



Drive To Lunch Pictures Continued



La Erie Pass Drive Pictures

May 13, 2023



La Erie Pass Drive Pictures Continued



La Erie Pass Drive Pictures Continued



Miata Island Hopping Drive Pictures June 24, 2023



Miata Island Hopping Drive

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President's Message

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report that our club finances are in good order. Bill Bell and Don Hutchins reported that the play on social media is also picking up. I charged Bill Snowden with the responsibility of producing some ideas and prototypes for new hats and the Board approved an initial order of twenty-four hats to offer for sale to our members. Sean and Pam McGriff have retired and are planning to move to Ocean Shores this summer. While Sean and Pam will be missed, and we'll likely see less of them, Sean has graciously agreed to manage our club's finances from Ocean Shores. Finally, we spent some time planning the logistics for our upcoming Gathering.

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, October 3,
2023 @ 5:30pm
Patrona Cantina & Grill,
1912 201st PL SE, Bothell, WA**

First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social Pictures



Upcoming Events — Something for Everyone!

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

Jul: Jul 22 Miata Three Rivers Drive

Jul 27 PSMC Gathering Planning Meeting

Jul 29 Silverdale Whaling Days Parade

Aug: Aug 1 Special First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

Aug 5 Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas

Aug 12 Olympic Drive Northwest

Aug 19 Whatcom and Skagit Counties Select Tour

Aug 26 North Cascades Highway Over And Back

Sep: Sep 05 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

Sep 16 Kruze Kitsap

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

Oct 07 PSMC Business Meeting and Calendar Discussion

Oct 20 Miata Reunion

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 07 PSMC Business Meeting and Calendar Discussion

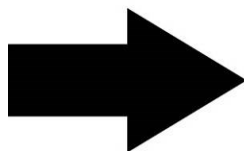
Feb: Feb 06 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

Mar: Mar 05 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

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

Puget Sound Miata Club website link:

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



PSMC Holiday Luncheon December 2, 2023 @ 11:45am

Puget Sound Miata Club

Holiday Luncheon

Hosted by the PSMC Board

This year's Holiday luncheon will feature 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

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 2023 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

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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 **\$35 (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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