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The Oldest Miata Club in the World*

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Hurricane Ridge

Sat., July 14, 2007
Closed Alberston's
Edmonds/Woodway
@7:20 AM

Hosted by Bill Bell

Hello Fellow Miata Club Members! On July 14, 2007, we are having a Hurricane Ridge Miata Run!



We will be meeting at the closed Albertson's Store in the Edmonds/Woodway area which is located across from the QFC. Its central location makes it so we can walk (drive) to get what we need for our morning breakfast before we depart for the 8:40 AM Edmonds-Kingston Ferry. Upon arriving in Port Gamble, we will meet up with the South and West Enders at the Main Store in downtown (about 9:30). We will depart at 10:00 AM, taking some twisty roads to our ultimate destination: Hurricane Ridge. Hurricane Ridge is located in the northern half of the Olympic National Park and is the heart of day use activity.

The seventeen-mile long Hurricane Ridge road starts at Port Angeles along the Puget Sound and snakes its way up the side of the Olympic Mountains to 5,240 feet. With the road sanded and paved by the National Park Service, Hurricane Ridge is a source of year round outdoor adventure. For the first five miles, the road climbs from 400 feet above sea level to just under 2,000 feet at the Heart O The Hills Ranger Station, the only overnight facility at Hurricane Ridge. Over the next twelve miles as you climb up the narrow road and through three different tunnels, the plant life around you goes through a gradual change. Western red cedar, big leaf maples, grand firs, Pacific yew and sword ferns give way to sub-alpine forest and wild flowers. The road passes by a number of scenic overlooks with the Double Parking Overlook, located about two miles past the third tunnel, being the best. Arriving at the Visitor's Center, we will be able to enjoy the sites. During July, the sub-alpine meadows to the north of the Hurricane Ridge Visitor Center are awash in a sea of color, including red, blue, yellow and white.

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Miatacross 2007

Sunday, August 5, 2007
Boeing Everett West Parking Lot

PSMC Coordinators: McGriff & Beldi

It's that time of year to take your Miata (or MX-5) for a spin! Well, maybe a "spin" isn't the right choice of words, but you know what I mean: its autocross time for the club!

Miatacross is one in a series of championship autocross events held every year under the Western Washington Sports Car Council (WWSCC). The points earned by every participant in each event go to their championship totals. At the end of the competition year, the WWSCC hands out awards based on the point standings. Also, many of the participants travel to Topeka, Kansas in early September for the National Championships. Therefore, you can see how important it is that we host a professional and well-organized event.

As you know, this is one of the big funding events for our club. We always can use volunteers, so please consider coming out to support this event. Autocross experience is not necessary, and it is not necessary if you don't want to take on the course (although I don't know why anyone would pass up this chance). This is a great opportunity to have some good, clean

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Miatacross Event Schedule

Session 1: Morning Session – Non Stock Groups

Registration: 7:30 AM – 8:40 AM

Tech Inspection: 7:30 AM – 8:40 AM

Driver's Meeting: 8:45 AM ** This is mandatory for all morning sessions participants

First Car Out: 9:00 AM

Session 2: Afternoon Session: Stock Groups*

Registration: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Tech Inspection: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Driver's Meeting: 12:45** This is mandatory for all afternoon session participants

First Car Out: 1:00 PM



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upcoming events

PARADES

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Wednesday, July 4 Kingston 4th of July Parade @ 12 Noon*
 Sunday, July 22 Seattle's Chinatown Parade 7 PM*
 Saturday, July 28th Silverdale Parade @ 10 AM*

** These are actual parade start times; please contact either Bonnie or Lindanne to find out what time you need to arrive in order to get in line and get your cars ready.*

We have several parades coming up this month as July is always a busy month. Our club's biggest parade of the year will be on Sunday, July 22nd. The Seattle Chinatown Parade is an evening parade and is televised on Channel 11. This parade is almost as big as the Torchlight Parade and we carry Chinese & Japanese Royalty as well as city dignitaries. The crowds are huge and it is a festive and colorful parade. We usually get 15 to 20 cars for this parade, but we can always use more. On July 28th, we have the Silverdale Parade. This one has nice wide streets where we can do a lot more twists, turns and circle formations. Once again, we will carry many groups of royalty.

For more information on these parades, please check out the website at www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org or email Bonnie at blohkamp@comcast.net or Lindanne at lindannegores@comcast.net.

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family fun, help support our club and to watch some amazing drivers. We hope to see you at the Miatacross!

For more information and finding out how you can help, please contact Sean McGriff @ psmhome@comcast.net or Deiter Beldi @ autocross1@pugetsoundmiataclub.org.

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After our fun time there, we will be on our way back to have lunch at Fat Smitty's, located in Discovery Bay, WA, about 17 miles (20 minutes) east of Sequim. (Fat Smitty's is conveniently located halfway between Port Angeles and Kingston, where Hwy 20 goes North to Port Townsend and is only a few miles from the Hwy101/104 split.) The restaurant's ceiling is covered with business cards and \$1 bills (bring your business card and a dollar!). **MAKE SURE YOU BRING CASH AS THEY DO NOT ACCEPT DEBIT OR CREDIT CARDS!** Hope to see you there!

Directions to the Closed Albertson's Store: Take Westbound Exit 177 off I-5 on Hwy 104 (Edmonds Ferry); Follow the road to the 22828 100th Avenue West in Edmonds. The store will be on the right side of the street.

Photo of Hurricane Ridge taken from the Hurricane Ridge Road from www.byways.org/explore/byways/13740/places/42541.

Also coming from Bill Bell in August:

Mt. Baker Run

Saturday, August 11, 2007



Bill will be meeting with the Sea-to-Sky Club to go over the route and make the plans for a great drive to Mt. Baker. This promises to be an outstanding dual-club adventure, so keep the date open for this event. Look for further updates in next month's Sounder and on the website!

upcoming events

007: Shaken(speare), Not Stirred

August 13 - 18, 2007

Meeting place & Time: Monday, August 13th
@ 9:30 AM, Olympia Rest Area, I-5 South,
Mile Marker 94

*Hosted by Smith, Houghton & McSherry
Article by Cindy Smith; photo by Tom Smith*

The pre-run has been done; the arrangements have been made; and all your hosts will be meeting this month to tidy up all the loose ends. This promises to be a great time – if our fun on the pre-run and the previous Shakespeare tour are any indication!

We will be meeting on Monday, August 13th at the Olympia Rest area, located at Mile Marker 94 on I-5 South at 9:30 AM. Driver's meeting will be at 9:45 AM and we will depart promptly at 10:00 AM. Monday will be our longest day, being that we will be taking the West Cascade Scenic Byway to LaPine, Oregon, so please arrive well-rested and fueled up (both you and your car!).

This will be the last reminder for the Shakespeare Tour. I believe we have our group (16 cars!!!) and all further information will be via email to anyone who has RSVP'd. Therefore, if you are still thinking of going, please notify Cindy asap (see below for phone and email); you will not want to miss out on any important updates. There still is some time to join us. You can reserve a room at the Best Western Newberry Station in LaPine, Oregon for Monday, August 13th by calling 541.536.5130. All of our blocked rooms have been filled, but they have other rooms available. However, you should make your reservation as soon as possible as the summer season is upon us and this small hotel fills up fast. To reserve your rooms in Ashland at the Windmill Inn and Suites, call 541.482.8310 or go to www.windmillinns.com and click on the Ashland home page. Make sure you mention our special group code – **0814PSMC** – to get our special rates. **We still have 5 blocked rooms available, but these will be released to the public on July 14th!** Remember, if attending any of the plays, **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PURCHASING YOUR OWN TICKETS!**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 360.668.5508 or drop me an email at tomaci@verizon.net.



Tom and I didn't run into too many difficulties on the pre-run, although "a little" snow did keep us from scouting out the Rim Drive at Crater Lake. Photo by Tom Smith.

PSMC's NW Gathering

Sunday, August 26, 2007, 10 AM - 3 PM

Coop's Miata in Maple Valley

Hosted by your PSMC Board

**Cost: \$15.00 per car & driver
\$10.00 per passenger**



**Early Bird Special!: \$20.00 per car, driver
& one passenger if paid by July 31st. (see
details in article below)**

It's said that time flies when you're having fun and that the older you get, the faster time flies! That means for a lot of us in this club, time is going by at warp speed! Seems to be a lot of truth in that since PSMC's Great Northwest Gathering is almost upon us again! After all, weren't we just "gathered" having fun, great conversations with old friends and new and tantalizing our taste buds with good food? The way things are going, life is just going to be one party, day after day. Guess that can't be all bad – well, maybe for the folks putting the party on!

This year's party of parties, PSMC's Great Northwest Gathering, will be taking place on Sunday, August 26th, 2007 at Coop's Miata in Maple Valley. The CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE will be back, along with games, vendors, booths and FOOD! Great food, to be exact, as Rosa Umamoto is in charge of our lunch time fare. Any of you who have been down to help the Umamoto's stuff Sounders know what a treat the rest of the membership is in for! Rumor has it that most of lunch will be homemade by Rosa and her elves and will include chicken skewers and other delectable yummys. (Look for the complete menu in next month's Sounder.)

Gates will open at 10 AM. Cost of the event is \$15.00 per car and driver; \$10 per passenger after August 1st and "at the door." If you want to save a few bucks, we are offering an "Early Bird Special" this year at \$20.00 per car, driver and one passenger if you **pre-register and pay on or before July 31st!** RSVP through the website (www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org) or psmc.rsvp@verizon.net and send your check, written to PSMC, to: Cindy Smith, 11908 215th PL SE. Snohomish, WA 98296. Envelopes must be post-marked no later than August 1st to qualify.

If you are entering in the CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE this year, please arrive early enough to have your cars registered, parked and ready for the judges by 11:00 AM.

Lunch will be served starting at 11:30 AM and games, vendors and booths will be open from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. The drawing for door prizes, CONCOURS awards and game prizes will be at 2:00 PM. And unlike last year, awards will be **GIVEN ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT!**

So, put the date on the calendar; you won't want to miss out! Hope to see you there!

(Updates will follow in next month's Sounder and on the website, so keep an eye out!)

upcoming events

30th Annual LeMay Museum Car Show & Auction



Saturday, August 25, 2007

Run Meeting Place & Time: Tacoma Mall @
8:00 AM

PSMC Coordinator: Mike Springer

This year the Harold LeMay Museum Tour will be held on Saturday, August 25th. I will lead a group from the Tacoma Mall parking lot (next to the Tacoma Mall Drive in front of Sears, which faces I-5). Plan to gather for coffee and donuts at 8a.m. and leave at 8:30. If you plan to take the drive, please reserve from the club website www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org by August 23rd. The admission cost for the Lemay Museum Tour is \$10 per Adult and Children (6-12 years) \$5 which is collected the day of the event. If you want to meet us in the club area but drive alone and need directions to the club area at Marymount School, email me at springerphoto@wamail.org or call 253-468-5291 evenings.

The Museum also needs volunteers, who will get free admission as well as hats, t-shirts, free lunch and other perks. They need volunteers for both the day of the event, and pre-show preparation. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the LeMay Museum at 253-779-8179 ext. #304 or email the Volunteer Coordinator at erick@lemaymuseum.org. The volunteer registration form must be completed and returned by July 21st. If you volunteer for a two hour time slot in the afternoon, you will still be able to make the drive with the club.

Trying to describe the LeMay Car Show, after attending once or twice, is like describing a whale after seeing the exposed fin. It is just too big to take in in one day. Complicating matters further, there are two sites, the Marymount School and the LeMay home, which is located several miles away. The home has some of the older cars, like the Stutzes, my personal favorites as a group. The school has several vast rooms full of cars of the same make. For example, the Chevrolets go from the twenties to the sixties and includes such oddities as a 1938 Chevrolet limousine (I wonder, was it for cheap millionaires?).

Two years ago, I stayed at the school because I was serving as a volunteer there in the afternoon. The school is also the place that the car clubs and guest cars are located. Some of the guest cars come from out of state. The range of finish is great, from project cars in rough condition to some that could be entered at Monterey. The only missing elements were snobs, and not much missed. The bulk of the cars were American; some were carefully restored, others were true hot rods.

A number of our club members have been volunteers. I didn't get to see them; I just knew they were there by their Miatas in the club area. When I began my time as a volunteer, I was seated

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Tour to South Bend Parade

Sunday, September 2, 2007

Hosted by PSMC host Dee

Dahlke and CdO host Duncan Johnson



PSMC and CdeO will again meet for breakfast at 8:00 AM at Country Cousin Restaurant in Centralia, WA. Take exit 82 (Harrison Ave & Outlet Malls) off Interstate 05, go west on Harrison, immediately west of the freeway, turn right into restaurant.

Leave for road tour at about 9:00 AM. If breakfast is too early for you, join the tour now in the parking lot. We'll cruise the scenic and twisting back roads through the Willapa Hills, one of this great state's most scenic country areas in late summer. There will be rest stops along the way. This year, it is the Corvette's turn to lead the tour.

Arrive South Bend about noon for their 45th annual "Come and Play on Labor Day" parade. Both clubs will be registered parade entries and we may carry or escort dignitaries. If you and your sports car are at the ocean beaches for the weekend, you may join us at the parade. We'll be staging by the post office, usual location. Parade starts at 1:00 PM and every entrant gets free hot dogs and sodas at the finish line. Post-parade cool-down activities and tour homes are TBD for now.

Bring your usual parade décor and materials to clean the bugs off the car before the parade. We suggest you leave home with a full tank of gas, as stations are scarce along the route and fuel tends to be more expensive at the Centralia freeway interchange.

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at a couch to make sure no one touched the cars or carried food into the display area. This was easy since people were being very careful. One man sat with me for a few minutes, pointed at a maroon 34 Chevy convertible and said, "I had a car just like that, I sold it to my dad when I joined the army in '42. He sold it a few months before I got back. I nearly cried when I heard." Another gentleman was resting his feet when we struck up a conversation; it turned out he was the vice-president of an early V-8 club in Tacoma 25 years ago. He knew Harold LeMay and what was at that time his private collection. He asked if Mr. LeMay if he could get a tour for his club, which Mr. LeMay said yes, but postponed it until after the upcoming holidays. The word of the tour leaked out and by the time the showing took place, several thousand people attended. The highlight for me, though, was when an elderly lady asked to sit; her neighbor, who was with her, asked me where she could find a golf cart as her concern was that the lady was exhausted. I directed the neighbor to the volunteer's tent close by and later learned that the lady was Ginger LeMay, Harold's sister.

Hope you can join us!

Above photo from www.lemaymuseum.org.

around the town

EXPLORE OREGON '07

July 13 - 15, 2007

Hosted by the Willamette Valley Miata Club



Join us for a great weekend of fun, starting with a BBQ Potluck Picnic at Willamette Mission Park on Friday evening. Saturday, we will take an incredible drive from Salem, meeting up with the folks from Eugene in Philomath. From there we will travel some of the best twisties in Oregon to Florence, Oregon. We will be staying at the Driftwood Shores Resort and Conference Center, right on the beach. A dinner banquet will be held at the Florence Event Center Saturday evening. And finally, after breakfast on Sunday, we will make a drive a little farther south along the coast to beautiful Shore Acres Park and Sunset Bay.

We have rooms reserved at Driftwood Shores. Make your reservations soon! 1-800-422-5091. Be sure to mention **Explore Oregon** when making reservations.

More Details will be coming soon. Be sure to check out the Willamette Valley Miata Club website at www.oregonmx5.com

30th Annual LeMay Museum Car Show and Auction

Saturday, August 25, 2007

...on the grounds of historic Marymount Academy and the LeMay family estate in Tacoma, Washington. See over 800 vintage, classic and specialty automobiles, trucks and motorcycles from the LeMay Collection plus hundreds of local collector cars.



- Entry:** \$10 per person, \$20 for a family of 4
Donation: \$5 for children under 12, \$5 for active military
Parking: Free offsite with free shuttle bus from parking lots and between Marymount Academy and the LeMay estate
Time: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Collector car entry to Marymount will begin at the main gate after 8:00 am
Activities: In addition to the cars, there will be automobile related vendor displays, food, live music and more
Information: (253) 536-2885 • www.lemaymuseum.org



AMERICA'S CAR MUSEUM

Shelton Parade & June Social Aftermath

By Bonnie Lohkamp

Ten cars attended the Shelton parade which was held on Saturday, June 2nd. Not only was the weather a gorgeous, top-down day, but the group was treated to breakfast by the Shelton parade organizers in appreciation for carrying royalty.

With our parade duties done for the day, Lindanne Gores led us on a drive to the Trillium Winery in Lakebay. There we were given a tour of the cellars and vineyards and then tasted many of their wines. They also had some cheeses to sample which are handcrafted by a small company in Montesano. Trillium Winery may be a small winery, but they host some excellent wines, ranging from reds to whites to fruit wines.

After relaxing with the winery hosts for awhile, we headed to the home of Tom and Lindanne Gores in Gig Harbor for a barbeque and social. Several folks who were not able to make the parade soon arrived, and for those who had never been to the Gore's home, they were given the "Grand Tour." All of us were amazed at all the work that Lindanne has done on the house. Her yard looks more like a park and she put down all the new flooring by herself!

After the Grand Tour, we were treated to an array of appetizers and a wide selection of refreshments before Tom got out his new barbeque that Lindanne had given him for his birthday. He then proceeded to cook some wonderful salmon. The meal was topped off by the wonderful desserts that Bob and Marti Mott brought.

Of course, "a great time was had by all," especially as we sat out on the newly constructed deck that encompasses the whole back side of the Gore's home and watched the sun go down on what had been a wonderful day.

Rainy Day People

By Bonnie Lohkamp

This month we had a spur of the moment parade!

A little less than a week before the Maple Valley parade on June 9th, our own Coop got a call from the folks in Maple Valley to ask if he could round up some Miatas to help out and carry some of the past Grand Marshals. To which Coop got a hold of me, the call for help went out and before Coop and I were done we had 9 cars to come and do this short, sweet parade. Some folks had never done a parade before and boy, what an initiation they got! First, Coop had us all over for breakfast before the parade. The sky at that time was gray and threatening but it remained dry through breakfast. However, just as we were leaving his house, the heavens opened up and it did not stop. We still did the parade with the tops down and provided the folks we carried with umbrellas so they could stay dry. By the time it was over we were quite a group of drowned rats. It didn't matter, though; we pulled the parade off and spirits were high as we all headed back to Coop's, where we were able to put our jackets, hats and sweatshirts in the dryer and drink hot coffee to get warm again.

But the day was not over! For after a short stay at Coop's, we were off to Pinnacle Mazda in Renton for Randy and Rosa Umemoto's Takeout in the Trunk Tour (see articles and pictures on page 7).



More from the Shelton Parade and June Social

Photos by Mindy Bohnas and Lindanne Gores



event aftermath

Takeout in the Trunk, Revisited

By Charlotte Fellers

It may have been a wet and dreary day outside, but the dozen or so Miatas lined up for the “Takeout in the Trunk” Drive June 9 did not let the weather dampen their spirits. Originally scheduled as a “Cooking in the Cockpit” drive, this drive became an exciting and surprising day of sampling excellent wine and different foods from a variety of places around Seattle.

The day kicked off for some of us around 8:30 a.m., when we met at Coop’s Miata in Maple Valley and were treated to a scrumptious breakfast of scrambled eggs with smoked salmon or cheese, cinnamon rolls, sausage, bacon, and fresh fruit (and coffee, of course). From there, we proceeded to downtown Maple Valley to participate in the Maple Valley Days Parade. Our job was to look shiny and carry the past 10 years’ worth of Maple Leaf Volunteers as they made their way down the parade route. Fortunately, umbrellas were allowed so even the rain didn’t ruin our fun!

At 1 p.m., a much larger contingent spent a few minutes shopping for custom parts at Pinnacle Mazda in Renton, where we enjoyed an array of car snacks, featuring nuts, cookies and (of course) chocolate! Our drive took us through the back roads of Renton and unknown roads of South Seattle. We reconvened at the first of three stops, the Esquin Wine Merchants, within sight of the city’s two stadiums on Fourth Avenue.

Many of us felt this was a place worth revisiting, as they carry wines from around the world at extremely competitive prices. With monthly sale prices on more than 100 different wines, starting at just \$7 a bottle, one can afford to come here and gamble on an unknown winery’s offerings. Another feature at this unusual stop was a free wine tasting of wines from Oyster Bay/New Zealand, and Villa Maria Winery offerings. By the way, they have free wine tasting scheduled every Saturday throughout the summer.

Warmed up from the shopping and wine tasting, the entourage progressed to a variety of unusual purveyors of food in West Seattle, including the Husky Deli and Cupcakes Royale. Ever wonder what makes a cupcake “Royale?” (They are baked fresh daily, made from scratch using real butter, and hand-frosted!) Well, these are no Hostess Cupcakes, that’s for sure! Lunch and lattes later, we made our final stop at the Metropolitan Market in West Seattle, where we purchased even more food to share at the final stop, the home of Randy and Rosa Umemoto.

The Miata Club inaugurated the recently remodeled kitchen at the Umemoto’s home, which featured beautiful stainless steel appliances, a commercial gas stove and many other incredible “cook’s goodies.” Here, we were able to sample the wine, desserts, cheeses, and other food purchased throughout the day. With rain serving as background music on the roof, it didn’t seem to matter to this bunch of rowdy revelers, who feasted on an array of pasta dishes, fresh salami, numerous cheeses, fresh shrimp cocktail, and exotic crackers and breads.

Let’s put it this way—no one went home hungry or thirsty!



Above left: Our hostess with the mostest, Rosa Umemoto.

Above right: Starting point: Pinnacle Mazda.



Above: At Esquin Wine Merchants
Left: Good friends (Cheryl Ohlsen, Mindy Bohnas, & Lindanne Gores) and good times at the Umemoto’s.
All photos by Tom Smith.



Takeout in the Trunk Trumps Cooking School

By Marty & Margaret Brinck

The exuberant camaraderie of the participating PSMC members overcame any dampness that might have been felt due to a very wet spring day. A far more exciting activity than learning to cook was to tour the gourmet stores and wine shops and select delicacies to share at Randy and Rosa’s home. The array of food and wine could not have been surpassed by any cooking school.

Added to this was the attention to detail by Randy and Rosa, from little baskets of snacks handed out before the run to tasty appetizers at the end. Their detailed route enabled everyone to find their way from store to store without a hiccup. We, however, had our personal ‘guide’ in the form of Happy Leonard, whom we hadn’t seen for many years. Another familiar face was that of Karen Perry; it was great to see her again.

The revelation of the evening was the discovery by Tom Smith and Marty Brinck that they served on the same aircraft carrier at the same time back in the seventies. Indeed, they were in the same squadron, VA165. When we came home, we immediately found Tom’s pictures in the year book. What a coincidence!

Thank you Randy and Rosa for your hospitality and another well planned and delightful club outing.

Autocross Update

Article & photos by Denise Williamson

You know autocross season is in full swing when I have more than one event to write about! First up is the May 13 WWSCC event, ACE's "Dogfight", held in Everett. Although it was a mostly wet day, there were 150 entrants, eight of whom were PSMC members (that I know of). The first half of the day was rainy, so Open Street, Street Tire 2, and Novice AM got to practice their hydroplaning skills. *Bob Bundy* (below) took the win in Open Street



in his '90 Miata, with a time of 47.035, while *Dieter Beldi* (right) came in third with a 49.484. *TJ McGeary* ran in his last Novice event and placed seventh with a 52.240. *Brett Wilson* (the autocross/scorekeeper guru) placed seventh in Street Tire 2 with a Street Mod 2 indexed time of 39.762. *Brian Louderback* did an admirable job in Novice AM, with a clean 54.075. This was an improvement of 25.694 over his slowest run! We should all be so lucky. *Chrissy Lewis* ran in the Women's Novice AM class (in her pretty gold '00 Miata). Her best time was a 65.3, a 24.403 improvement!



The second half of the day was drying out from the first half of the day, although it took awhile. I placed second in Women's Street Tire 1 with an E Stock indexed time of 39.995. Although I mashed four cones after the finish lights (getting one stuck under the car), I had a heck of a lot more fun than at the previous event. *Glen Hernandez* placed sixth in PRO1 with a Super Stock indexed time of 32.900 (1.129 out of first) in a Lotus Elise.

Kudos for Top Ten Times of this event go to *Glen Hernandez*, who had the third fastest un-indexed time of the day.

SCCA #2 was held on May 20 in beautiful Packwood. 123 entrants had a full weekend of autocrossing, including eight PSMC members in four classes. *Russell Hill* placed 12th in the Non-Stock 4 class with an STS2 indexed time of 44.945. The "Silver Bullet" (Mazdaspeed 3), piloted by *Dieter Beldi*, won the Stock 3 class with a D Stock indexed time of 40.633.

The Open PAX class had three PSMC members in it. *Glen Hernandez* placed third in a Lotus Elise with a Super Stock indexed time of 39.130; *Alan Dahl* (just back from Eastern Europe), placed seventh in a Mazda RX8 with a B Stock indexed time of 41.669; *Tim Irwin* placed 14th with a B Stock indexed time of 45.418 in a Porsche 911 RS. Hey Tim, hasn't anyone ever told you you're not supposed to beat the car owner? ;-)

Street Mod 2, as usual, was a popular class with PSMC drivers. Well, those actually driving Miatas. *Brett Wilson* and *Enrique Garcia* gave 'em the ol' one-two punch driving Brett's '99 Miata. They ran 39.130 and 41.669, respectively. Close by

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them was *Rickey Carlson* in his '90 Miata. He placed fifth with a 55.034.

Kudos for the Top Ten Times of this event go to *Glen Hernandez* and *Alan Dahl*. Glen and Alan placed third and seventh for the Top Indexed Times; Glen placed second for Top Unindexed Times.

One week later was **SCCA #3**, this time in Bremerton. There were 159 entrants, and (again) eight PSMC members. *Enrique Garcia* led the way in Street Mod 2 in a '99 Miata, with a time of 41.903. Close behind Enrique was car owner and co-driver, *Brett Wilson*, with a 2nd place time of 42.293. In 4th place was *Rickey Carlson* in his '90 Miata with a 45.716. *Russ Hill* placed 11th in the Non-Stock 4 class with a quick STS2-indexed time of 39.5. In Stock 3, *Dieter Beldi* drove his Mazdaspeed 3 to a first place finish with a D Stock indexed time of 35.182. Open Pax was the most popular class for PSMC drivers at this event, with three members. *Glen Hernandez* took 2nd place (.019 behind Ron "Tailpipe Bandit" Bauer) in a Lotus Elise with a Super Stock indexed time of 33.555.

Tim Irwin, driving a Porsche 911 RSA again beat the car owner and took 16th place with a B Stock indexed time of 35.792. Showing of his familiar-

looking new, yellow Pontiac Solstice GXP was *Alan Dahl*, who placed 19th with an A Stock indexed time of 37.222.

Kudos for Top Ten Times of this event go to *Glen Hernandez*



(left), who placed 2nd for Top Indexed Times, and 3rd for Top Un-indexed Times.

Last, but not least, was WWSCC #3, BEAC's 33rd "Autopilot", held on the 3rd of June in Everett. There were 163 entrants, seven of them being PSMC members. The weather was finally hot and sunny! *Bob Bundy* led the way with a first place finish in Open Street, with a time of 52.157. Barely second was *Dieter Beldi* with a 52.27. I placed third in Women's Street Tire Stock, with an E Stock indexed time of 50.116. *Brian Louderback* did a great job in his '92 Miata in Novice AM, with a clean run of 68.744 for fourth place. On Pro Stock class, *Glen Hernandez*, driving a Subaru STI, placed seventh with an STU indexed time of 44.343. *Alan Dahl*, in his sparkly new Solstice GXP, placed ninth with an A Stock indexed time of 45.003. *Brett Wilson*, driving his '99 Miata, placed fifth in Street Tire Non-Stock with an SM2 indexed time of 49.455.

Kudos for this event go to *Bob Bundy* and *Dieter Beldi*. They placed sixth and eighth, respectively, for Top Un-indexed Times.

If you're new to autocrossing, come find me at a WWSCC event! With new members joining PSMC year-'round, I'm never sure who's a member and who's not. Just look for the slow, red '93 running in the Stock half of the day – that's me! Also, feel free to email me at autocross2@pugetsoundmiataclub.org. I'm here to help!

autocross/in the garage

“Setup”; Shows 4 - 6

By Denise Williamson

Setup #4: An Unexpected Move

Episode number four began with a continuation of episode number three's race on the "Horse Thief Mile" track. Robert lost, and got sent home. Immediately (or so it appeared from the editing), the host announced there would be another race, on the same track, in the opposite direction, in 30 minutes, with the starting order being the inverse on the previous race's finishing order. While the car prep was going on, the host noted that Ron (of Team Bridgestone, our hometown guys) seemed to be bumping competitor's tailpipes. This earned Ron the moniker of "Tailpipe Bandit", much to everyone's amusement.



Ron, *The Tailpipe Bandit*.
Photo submitted by Denise Williamson.

The race started as usual, but drivers were much more aggressive than in the previous races. Jeremy bumped TK, which stopped the race and resulted with Jeremy being sent to the back of the pack. Ron was the main witness to this, and his story corroborated with TK's version of the event – but not Jeremy's. The race started again. Around one corner, Ron had the inside line, but Jeremy decided he wanted it, and cut in front

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July Autocross

For details see wwsc.org

- 1 BSCC Autocross # 5 at Bremerton Raceway
- 1 Oregon Region SCCA Event #4 (stock PM) at PIR South Paddock
- 3 BSCC Monthly Meeting at Tony's Pizza
- 10 NWR/SCCA Solo Committee Meeting at Bill's Bodacious BBQ in Renton
- 14 NWR/SCCA Regional ProSolo at Packwood
- 14 NWR/SCCA regional #5 at Packwood
- 16 WWSCC Council Meeting at Rogue Brewery in Issaquah
- 22 NWR/SCCA Regional #6 at Bremerton Raceway
- 28 Oregon Region SCCA Practice Day at Packwood
- 29 Oregon Region SCCA Event #5 (stock PM) at Packwood

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of Ron. Jeremy got sent to the back again. Now the race was for last place: Jeremy and Ryan (the guy with the biggest sob story). They kept hitting each other, driving off the track, just dirty driving in general. At one point, Ryan hit Jeremy's car, breaking the suspension. Jeremy kept driving and beat Ryan.

Jeremy was pretty excited about beating Ryan, and proceeded to do a bunch of donuts on the track. Very poor sportsmanship, IMHO! Then, Jeremy verbally accosted Ron with, "Learn how to race, autocrosser!", immediately earning the wrath of autocrossers nationwide. Ron, to his credit, did not respond in kind, but made a point to note his road racing experience.

The person who finishes last goes home, right? Not in this race. The "race officials" (producers with no race experience, I think) grilled Jeremy and Ryan about their driving. In the end, no one went home. I thought both of them ran a dirty race, and would have sent both of them packing.

In the meantime, this has been rehashed to death on the forum. Jeremy has attempted to explain his actions. If you're interested, the address is: www.setup-tv.com/forum/

Setup #5: Which Way?

The show opened with drama carried over from the previous show. Jeremy continued to argue and make excuses. His car needed to be fixed, but no one would help him except Matt. Matt was the only person not hit and/or verbally accosted by Jeremy. Since neither Jeremy nor Ryan were booted from the last show, the producers decided to determine who went home by having the two of them participate in a "shootout" on the oval track. Jeremy won, so Ryan got sent home.

There were now six drivers left: Ron, Matt, Kenton, TK, Jeremy, and Drew. The next contest consisted of six 10-lap races on the oval track, alternating clockwise and counter-clockwise. The drivers earned points depending on their finish (i.e. if you won, you got more points than the second place finisher, and so on). The first race's starting order was determined by a draw. Ron started in the back row, and finished fifth. The rest of the starting orders were inverted from the finishing order of the previous race. For the second race, Ron started in front, but finished fourth. I started worrying at this point. However, I shouldn't have, because Ron won race #3! For races 4-6, he finished fourth, second, and fifth. The sixth race had a bit of excitement, as Kenton spun, leaving Ron nowhere to go but directly into Kenton. Ron's car was damaged. For the six-race series, Kenton won, and Ron finished third overall. TK was last, so he was sent home.

The next contest was a 40-lap race on the oval. Kenton (who won the six-race series) lost and was sent home. Next race/episode: 60 laps on the challenging Horse Thief Mile track.

Setup #6: The Final Episode

And then there were four: Ron, Matt, Drew, and Jeremy. The first 30 minutes were taken up by interview snippets with the drivers and crew chiefs. The host, Tommy, said that Jeremy "hasn't shown much regard for his competitors." Regarding Matt, he said that he was "Almost bipolar" and "He showed a lot,

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New Faces

We hope to meet you at an event soon!

By Randy Umemoto



Barb Taylor & Randy Burkel	Lake Tapps, WA	94 Red
Kelly & Leslie Kelly	Belfair, WA	07 Copper Red
Michael Gillman	Bellevue, WA	06 Winning Blue
Gina & Rick Murphy	Fox Island, WA	91 BRG
Sean & Megan Cooper	Poulsbo, WA	94 Laguna Blue
James Odle	Clinton, WA	
David (IVY) Ivancich	Marysville, WA	01 Midnight Blue

Familiar Faces

Try a new Miata Event this year!

Steve & Barbara Harrold	06 Copper Red	1 yr
Bruce & Kathy Gustafson	97 Black	3 yrs
Larry & Bonnie Lohkamp	94 Laguna Blue	5 yrs
Suzanne & Raymond Gardner	06 Red	3 yrs
John & Morey Young	03 Silver	4 yrs
A.J. & Vickie McGranaghan	04 Silver	3 yrs
Ken & Pat Baldwin	92 Red	1 yr
Sophia & Patrick McSherry	97 BRG	6 yrs
Greg & Lyann Rust	92 Black	7 yrs
Don Bojarski & Bill Aycock	00 Mahogany Mica	7 yrs
Wayne & Sun Weatherhogg	94 Red	2 yrs
Gill & Judy Heys	00 Emerald Mica	2 yrs
Alecia Dombey	01 BRG	1 yr
Dennis & Linda McDowell	99 Red	8 yrs
Michael & Lillian Springer	99 Red	9 yrs
Steven Cart	96 Black	1 yr
Paul & Jane Hutt	99 Black	1 yr

CEO - Again!

By Cindy Smith



For those of you who have gone on my Haunted Places Tours, you will probably understand when I say that I am starting to feel like the cat in the "The Cat Came Back" song that was on one of our Halloween CDs. In the song, people try in various ways to rid themselves of the cat, but never make it. The refrain (in ghoulish fashion) goes:

But the cat came back, he wouldn't stay away,
He was sitting on the porch on the very next day;
The cat came back, he didn't want to roam,
The very next day he was home sweet home

Well, PSMC isn't quite my "home sweet home," but the fact is that since Tom and I joined the club in September 2000, we've been quite involved: hosting events, being on the board, and serving as president, CEO and Sounder editor. Last year I was even dubbed PSMC's "Mother Hen" since I had a good relationship with our former president and was there to help out when needed. This year was going to be different. You do know what they say about company and fish after three days? They stink! Well, I sure don't want the membership to think I've overstayed my welcome, so this year I was going to fade into the background. OOPS! There I went thinking again!

As most of you know, our former president resigned as PSMC President a month before his term was done, which created a vacancy regarding the CEO position (Maury just did not have time to step back into the role). Unfortunately, it also caused a lot of stress for the remaining board members. Our main objective as board members is always to have business go on as usual even when "usual" is the farthest thing that is happening. And while we are always appreciative of volunteers who step forward to assume positions on the board, it is really imperative that our volunteers are willing to commit to their club duties and time obligations. We want the club to be fun for our volunteers too!

Fortunately, we got a great group of people to come forward and help iron out the problems that were left behind by our former president/future CEO's early departure. The new 2007/2008 Board are all committed to making this the best year yet and are already working on making the Gathering a grand affair, not to mention discussing new fund raising events, the Holiday Party and a new rewards system for our event hosts. I am sure you will all be very happy with the results.

I imagine I could have said "NO!" when Bonnie asked me if I would come back and serve as CEO for **one more year**. I mean, after all, I've done my time and I was concerned with being able to go that extra mile just when I was wanting to start taking things easy. However, I decided to be part of the solution and not the problem and responded with a resounding "YES!"

So, pull out the air freshener and bring my bags back in from the car. You're not rid of me yet!

Remember

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President's Message

By Bonnie Lohkamp, PSMC President



Hello everyone. Well, as you may all know, the PSMC elections were held on Saturday, June 16, 2007 and I am now your new president. To give you a little background concerning me and my involvement with the club, I was a Director at Large in 2003 and have been the club's Chief Communications Officer since 2004. My husband Larry and I are a two Miata family, a 2002 SE Blazing Yellow Mica and a 1994 Laguna Blue.

I am honored to take this position of President and will do my best to continue to make this club the best. Of course, less than 24 hours after being elected I get the pleasure of writing my first President's message. Talk about initiation by fire! I would also like to welcome a whole list of new Directors at Large to the board. Outside of Jim Hightchew and Gayle Lazur, who returned from the board last year, everyone else is "new." Some are new members, some have been around for quite some time and we even have a host of past presidents. Trust me, this is going to be a fun year! Plans are already in full swing for both the Gathering coming in August and the Holiday Party in December and of course Miatacross in August. Watch the website and the Sounder for updates and plan on having a fun time at the events.

Looking at July's calendar, I see we have several things coming up, starting with the 4th of July Parade in Kingston. This parade is always very festive and patriotic. We then have two runs: Hurricane Ridge on July 14th (hosted by new Director at Large, Bill Bell), and the Weber's / McMahon's Curious Gorge on July 20th to 22nd. The month then winds down with two more parades, one which is the Chinatown Parade, a parade that is almost as large and well-known as Seattle's Torchlight parade.

I look forward to seeing and meeting you at events in the future.

"Live for sunny days and warm nights"

Please welcome the 2007/2008 PSMC Board:

CEO: Cindy Smith; COO: Bonnie Lohkamp; CCO: Dannie Brandt; CFO: Sean McGriff and Director-at-Larges: Bill Bell, Mindy Bohnas, Mark Brandt; Christy Castro; Bill "Coop" Cooper; Charlotte Fellers, Jim Hightchew, Gayle Lazur, Allan Ohlsen and Rosa & Randy Umemoto.

Thanks to the following Miata dealers who provide PSMC member discounts (simply show your PSMC Card):

Coop's Miata of Maple Valley (425) 432-9666

Doug's Lynnwood Mazda (425) 774-3551

Harbor Freight Tools (Everett store only) (425) 513-6213

Pinnacle Mazda of Renton (425) 271-2700

Russ Dunmire Mazda of Tacoma (253) 473-2440

University Mazda of Seattle (206) 634-1191

Whidbey Island Mazda of Oak Harbor (360) 675-2218



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Mark Brandt	Jim Hightschew	Rosa Umemoto
Christy Castro	Gayle Lazur	

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Webmaster	Nathan Allan
Autocross Rep	Denise Williamson

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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 monthly newsletter and operating supplies constitute a financial burden that must be met by the membership. Make your Miata experience more enjoyable-join and participate. To keep the club meaningful and solvent, we need your support.

To join go online at pugetsoundmiataclub.org or send your name, address and check for \$30 (annual chapter dues) to:

Puget Sound Miata Club
3901 SW Hanford
Seattle WA 98116

July 2007

- 4 Kingston Parade
- 13-15 Explore Oregon hosted by WVMC, Oregon (see page 5)
- 14 Hurricane Ridge hosted by Bell (see page 1)
- 20-22 Curious Gorge hosted by Weber
- 22 Chinatown Parade
- 28 Silverdale Parade

August 2007

- 5 Miatacross (see page 1)
- 11 Run to Mt. Baker hosted by Bell (see page 2)
- 13-18 Shaken(speare) Not Stirred hosted by Smith, McSherry & Houghton (see page 3)
- 25 LeMay Museum Car Show & Auction (see page 5)
- 26 PSMC Gathering hosted by PSMC Board (see page 4)

September 2007

- 2 South Bend Parade (see page 4)
- 8 Mukilteo Parade
- 29 Autumn Leaf Parade in Leavenworth
- 30 No. Cascades Hwy III hosted by McGranaghan

October 2007

- 27 Final Haunted Places Tour hosted by Smith & McSherry

November 2007

- 4 Southend Planning Meeting hosted by PSMC Board
- 11 Veterans' Day Run (tentative) hosted by Smith & Weber
- 18 Turkey Teaser hosted by McGriff

December 2007

- 1 Shelton Holiday Parade
- 8 PSMC Holiday Party hosted by PSMC Board

Classifieds

PARTS FOR SALE

For Sale: "Goodwin" all stainless muffler for 06/07s, used very little. Paid just over \$400.00 including freight but willing to sell for \$250.00 or best offer. Also, will deliver up to about 100 miles from Puyallup/Graham (good excuse for a road trip) as it just fits in the trunk and would be a real headache to pack for shipping. Please contact Doug Simpson at 253.279.1532 (cell), 253.875.2754 (home) or email me at dougsimpson1962@earthlink.net.

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sportsmanship-wise." Team Bridgestone "hasn't gotten rattled" and "showed they were a team from the beginning." Doug had some good quotes, including, "The most important race you ever run is the next one."

The sponsoring Pontiac team showed up with part of the Grand Prize, a red Solstice G6 GXP (race package). It looked pretty cool, for a Pontiac.

Then it was time to determine the starting order. The contest was to see who (driver and crew chief) could perform the quickest tire change (all four tires). Ron and Doug had the quickest time, but got docked for some errors. The end result was: Jeremy, Ron, Drew, and Matt.

Jeremy got a good start on the field. Ron did not do as well and got passed by Matt and Drew. Then it was time for the first pit stop. Who got out first? Ron! Drew stalled and was out last. The race continued smoothly until Jeremy thought he was on fire because his car was smoking. He went off the track into the dirt, and supposedly dumped something on the track, bringing out a yellow flag. After the race resumed (with Jeremy at the front of the pack-hmmmm, a question for Doug), Drew had to drop out due to a rock through his radiator and the subsequent consequences. Then Matt's car died and needed to be towed, bringing out a yellow flag. This left ten laps and two drivers: Ron and Jeremy. Despite a valiant effort by Ron (even after Jeremy continually sprayed rocks and dirt on him), Jeremy won. It was very close in the end.

The Northwest is proud of Team Bridgestone, a class act all the way!

Coming next month: A behind-the-scenes look at Setup, with Crew Chief Doug Chase.



Zooming in Italy

By Duncan Johnson

PSMC member Dee Dahlke poses with someone's euro-spec MX-5 (note side mounted turn signal and amber running lights) at the Tenuta Torciano Winery in San Gimignano, Italy in May 2007. Dee and her husband Duncan Johnson were there on a wine tour of Tuscany sponsored by Eola Hills Winery in Oregon, which they discovered during PSMC's "Pinot Noir and Covered Bridges" tour last year.