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The Oldest Miata Club in the World



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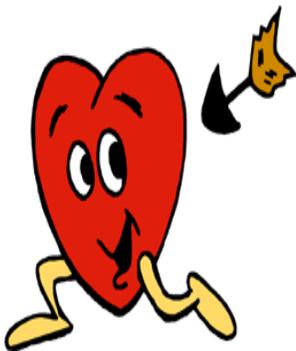
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North Sound Winery & Anniversary Run



Sunday, February 17, 2008
Bainbridge Island Upper Terminal
Parking Lot by 10:30 AM

Hosted by Tom and Lindanne Gores

How about a little drive, a little wine and a little dine?

Following the tradition of Tom and Cindy Smith, we will host the Valentine North Sound Wineries Tour on Sunday, February 17th. We plan on visiting the Harbinger, Camaraderie, Black Diamond, Olympic Cellars and Lost Mountain wineries. After an intense day of wine tasting, we will dine at a restaurant in Port Angeles (to be determined later). This will give us all an opportunity to compare notes on wine and cars.

We will be having our driver's meeting in the upper ferry terminal parking area at 10:30 AM, so please arrive accordingly. (If coming from the Seattle area, you will need to take the 9:30 AM Seattle/Bainbridge Island Ferry.) The upper ferry parking lots are located approximately two blocks – and 10 minutes - after you depart the Bainbridge Island ferry. Look for the ferry terminal parking signs (I believe you will be taking a right on Winslow.) During the meeting, we will hand out driving instructions before heading north.

If you will be purchasing your tickets online (www.northsoundwineries.com), and which we highly recommend, our first stop will be Lost Mountain Winery. The winery host will check you in there and present you with your wine goblet.

For more information, please contact Lindanne at Lindanne@comcast.net

March FFF

March 7, 2008

C.I. Shenanigan's, Tacoma

Hosted by Tom & Lindanne Gores



The First Friday Formal on March 7th will be hosted by Tom and Lindanne Gores. We are intending to dine at C.I. Shenanigan's in Tacoma. They have great food and a memorable time and dinner is promised to all who attend.

To check out the menu, go to C.I. Shenanigan's website at www.cishenanigans.com/tac.php

Directions: From I-5, take exit 133 (Tacoma Dome) and follow to 705 North (Schuster Parkway). Continue straight for about 2 ½ miles and take the Ruston Way exit on your left. C.I. Shenanigan's will be the 3rd restaurant on your right.

Coming in April

CdeO All City Rally, v28

Sunday, April 20, 2008

Hosted by CdeO



Puget Sound Miata Club is again invited to participate in this 50-mile gimmick type road rally sponsored by Corvettes de Olympia. It's an open event and all cars are welcome to participate; our Miatas have had fun there over the past several years. This year's 28th annual edition of the rally will have a new format, a new selection of country roads, and clever but straightforward clues. The CdeO rallymaster has appointed our own Duncan Johnson (who has membership in both clubs) to be in charge of laying out the route.

The rally is Sunday April 20, rain or shine. First car out at 9:00 AM, last car out at 11:00 AM, limited to 120 cars. Start from Corvette & High Performance, 2840 Black Lake Blvd, SW, Olympia WA 98512. From I-5, get onto US 101 at Olympia, then take the Black Lake exit, and go south on Black Lake Blvd. a couple of miles to the start.

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upcoming events/around town

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You'll need: Your Miata with driver and navigator, valid driver's license and *current proof of insurance*, clipboard or similar with pencils and paper to write on, maps of western Washington may be useful. In a gimmick rally, the cars follow a confusing course around obscure roads and attempt to answer unique questions about what you see along the route. Those who get the most right win prizes at the finish. This is not a speed event. There are no dirt roads.



Entry fee is \$16 per car through April 10 and \$20 per car after April 10. Pre-register by mail by downloading a registration form at <http://www.corvettesdeolympia.org> All proceeds fund the Corvettes de Olympia scholarship for automotive students at South Puget Sound Community College; the host club has donated over \$20,000 in scholarships there in recent years.

For more event information, phone rallymaster Brian Cousineau at 360-413-7645.

Shall we have an all-Miata tour TO the rally? Meet for coffee at 8:00 AM at McDonald's at the SW corner of the intersection of I-5 and SR 512, south of Tacoma. We'll leave at 8:30 and cruise together to Olympia. So far there is no assigned tour leader for this run; everyone just show up and whoever is first out can be the leader.

PSMC info: Contact: Duncan Johnson (253) 845-2424 or at duncanjohnson@mac.com



Coming in October

October 2-5, 2008

Leavenworth, WA

Hosted by Club Miata Northwest

PSMC members are invited to attend Backroads to Bavaria. Held in conjunction with Oktoberfest in Leavenworth, WA, it is one of the largest and longest running Miata annual events. This year marks the 10th anniversary and we hope it to be a grand event. Furthermore, an additional day has been added to allow for more activities! **Four days of Miata/MX5 fun!** This will mean more drives, tours, games, and general fun for Miata/MX5 enthusiasts.

Tom Matano, former Executive Designer at Mazda, and a member of the Miata/MX5 design team will be our special guest. He'll be sharing his experiences as a designer of the Miata/MX5 and available to chat and share your Miata enthusiasm

Due to the special nature of this year's event, having Tom Matano, and extending the event by an additional day; it is anticipated Backroads to Bavaria will meet the maximum capacity quickly. The Enzian Inn, Alpine Rivers Inn, and the Linderhoff Inn all have a block of rooms set aside for the 3 nights. However, registration will be available only to the first 250 participants, so if you plan on attending, register now!

A detailed flyer and registration form are found at Club Miata Northwest's website at www.clubmiata.com

event aftermath / autocross

Work (?) Shop

By Cindy Smith

Some times things don't quite work out the way you have it planned. Some times you take a wrong turn; some times the caterer doesn't turn up or you burn the bread. Some times no one shows up for your run (like our Blood Drive Run of '07). However, you always make the best of it and have fun regardless of how many things go wrong. I mean, having fun is what this club is all about, right? No matter if it is a run, a social, a parade or a workshop that just didn't go as plan, the goal is to have a good time doing whatever.

And that's what we did, no thanks to all those new and improved #&*@! Software programs and those wonderful things called computers, whose main objective is supposed to make your life easier – something they didn't do on Sunday, January 6th!

If I wasn't fighting with my computer to recognize a CD in my 'D' drive, Charlotte was fighting with Vista on her laptop to download PageMaker. And I don't know if Lindanne ever found where her XP stored her copy of PageMaker. To make a long story short, because of all our temperamental computers, the workshop didn't start until almost 2 hours after it was supposed to and my Workshop Outline ended up being used primarily for a coaster.

The day wasn't a complete failure. Charlotte did manage to get to play around with the program; Cindy Millar volunteered her expertise at editing and Lindanne discovered that PageMaker was not her forte. And in between all the glitches and swear words, we still managed to do a lot of brainstorming in regards to what direction the club should take next. Let's just say that if Charlotte can remember everything we talked about, she has a lot to bring to the table at the next board meeting.

Oh, and don't let me forget about the food. If I do say so myself, the lasagna turned out great (well, everyone did go back for seconds, so guess I'm not too biased).

And last but not least, a big thank you to my Tom. Between computers and dinner and keeping the guys happy with the play-offs, I don't know what I would have done without him!



Cindy Millar, Lindanne Gores, Cindy Smith and Charlotte Fellers trying to figure things out at the January Sounder Workshop. Not picture: Allan Ohlsen. Photo by Tom Smith.

Bob's Mods

By Denise Williamson



Last month, you read about Bob Bundy's various adventures on track and autocross courses. Here is a list of what he has done to make his Miata fast and fun, in Bob's own words:

The list of modifications is a long one. I take good care of it but I use it hard and love driving it everywhere. In general, I like to upgrade when things wear out. With almost 300k miles of wear you might say I've made some upgrades. I've always been a fan of turbo chargers so turbo had to be on the list. I'm also a mechanical engineer that spent time in college studying, designing, and building race cars so some of the stuff on my car is uniquely my own design and fabrication. Most modifications were done to improve performance in some way, not many appearance items (stereo stuff and the like). It's still used as a daily driver quite a bit and I take long road trips with it, so even though the performance level might be sort of supercar-like in some respects it's not really an all out purpose-built race car either.

Engine

Escort GT Block W/FM 2.0L Stroker kit (Billet crank, Carrillo rods, Wiseco pistons)
99 Miata Head: (ported, polished, oversized stainless valves, valve spring upgrade)
GT3071R Turbo
Custom equal length turbo exhaust manifold
2" X 9" X 3.25" Vibrant Intercooler
All aluminum intercooler pipes 2.25" turbo side, 2.5" TB side
Link programmable ECU
RC750cc Injectors
Innovate Wideband O2 Sensor
Full 3" Exhaust with Magnaflow muffler and resonator
FM aluminum Radiator
Dual Spal fans with custom shroud
Coolant Reroute
Oil cooler with remote filter and thermostat
Large diameter dual feed fuel rail
Walbro fuel pump

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February Autocross

For details see wwscc.org

- 5 BSCC Monthly Meeting @ Round Table Pizza, Gig Harbor
- 10 WWSCC TS Slush #2 @ Bremerton Raceway
- 12 NWR/SCCA Solo Committee Meeting @ Goldie's Airport Way (SCCA), Seattle
- 17 BSCC Practice @ Bremerton Raceway
- 18 WWSCC Council Meeting at Goldie's Airport Way (WWSCC), Seattle

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Drive train

5 Speed transmission
Fidanza Aluminum Flywheel
Spec Stage3+ clutch
Torsen rear diff from a 1999
3.909 gear ratio from an 85 RX7

Brakes

Custom engineered kit
Front— Wilwood 11.75" Two piece GT rotors and hats,
Wilwood DynaPro Calipers
Rear— Wilwood 11.44" Two piece rotors, stock calipers on
relocation brackets
Stainless braided brake lines
Wilwood Adjustable bias control valve
Cobalt Friction Brake pads
ATE brake fluid

Wheels & tires

Street use: Sprint Hart CPF, 15X7 ET 35, Toyo RA-1's
rack/Autocross use: 949Racing or ATS Comp Lite, 15X8 ET
30, Nitto NT01/Kumho V710

Chassis

Home made front shock bar
Racing beat front underside tie bar
Home made rear suspension underbody bracing
Hard Dog, Hard Core M2 roll bar + Hard Dog door bars
Home made hidden trailer hitch
Suspension/handling
Koni Sport shocks with Re-valve
Hyperco 2.25" Id race springs, 550#/300#r
Custom home made extended travel spherical ball shock tops
all around
De-powered power rack steering rack
Racing beat hollow sway bars with Whiteline spherical
endlinks

Cockpit

Sparco Roadster Seats, mounted low on custom brackets
without sliders.
Willans Racing Harnesses
Sparco 325 Leather Steering Wheel
Short throw shift lever

Exterior

Factory R package front lip spoiler
Erebuni Vented hood
Simpson Design Short rear bumper cover
Simpson Design 3 piece rear trunk spoiler

I'd like to do a little more tweaking with the aerodynamics on the front. I think a front splitter could add some downforce on the track. The other thing I've been thinking of is spending some money on some high end shocks with separately adjustable compression and rebound and do some further experimenting with spring rates.

New Faces

We hope to meet you at
an event soon!

By Randy Umemoto



Christine Valdez &
Kurt Batdorf Mt Vernon, WA 94 Laguna Blue

Familiar Faces

Try a new Miata Event this year!

Lawrence & Sandra Bicknell	00 Silver	7 yrs
Jeannette Ostro & Brian Dose	95 Red	2 yrs
Enrique Garcia	95 Montego Blue	6 yrs
Bruce & Janet Haskin	03 Garnet Red	12 yrs
Nathan & Casey Allan	90 Red	4 yrs
Bill Read	93 Black LE	14 yrs
Robert & Marti Mott	03 Garnet Red	5 yrs
Chris Stollery	94 Black	5 yrs
Steve & Janice Vollmer	00 White	2 yrs
Kim Shellabarger	99 Black	8 yrs
Vic Snyder	91 BRG	8 yrs
Dennis & Nellie Butterfield	90 White	3 yrs
Dave & Vicki Nelson	92 Mariner Blue	14yrs
Thomas & Cindy Millar	01 BRG	3 yrs
Bert & Rhonda Paul	01 Red	5 yrs
John & Barb Young	00 Mahogany Mica	6 yrs
T.J. McGeary	91 BRG	1 yr

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who provide PSMC member discounts
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675-2218

President's Message

By Bonnie Lohkamp, PSMC President

Here we are, already halfway into the month of January of the New Year 2008. Today I woke up to snow, but at least the sun came out in the late morning. This has never been my favorite time of the year; I guess it is kind of a letdown month after the holidays and the days seem so gray and short. However, spring is just around the corner, and with daylight savings time starting earlier this year, the days will soon seem a little brighter.



Looking at the calendar for February, there is not a whole lot to discuss. We do have our traditional February wine tour coming up which this year will be hosted by Tom and Lindanne Gores. This tour has been hosted – and well attended - by Tom and Cindy Smith for three years. I hope that everyone will get out and give the Gore's the same support shown the Smith's so that this wonderful February tour continues. It's been a great way to get out and beat the winter doldrums.

Our second planning meeting will happen after this month's Sounder goes to press. I sure hope that lots of you attended to help fill up this year's calendar – especially the year's early months. Normally, by May, things really start to perk up with some type of event happening for every summer weekend. However, we could really use some events on the schedule prior to the summer rush. Although the drives can prove to be a tad chilly, we can bundle up and still have fun. Plus it only makes the end of the drive and our social time together more anticipated.

As you will notice, our newsletter keeps shrinking. If we don't have events, and if we don't have contributing writers, then there isn't much our newsletter editor can do. We welcome all submissions; it doesn't have to be an event that you have planned, or even an event that you attended. If you have a certain drive you enjoy, or a new modification you did to your Miata and would like to share the process with others, than by all means, please feel free to contribute to our newsletter. Of course, we are always looking for someone who would like to take on a column. Technical columns, a members' column, and the "Blast from the Past" column have been some of the past favorites. We are thinking about bringing back a Director's Column so you can get to know your board members. Better yet, if you have any ideas for articles, or would like to contribute to the Sounder, please let me know at blohkamp@comcast.net and I will take it up for discussion with Cindy and her successor, Charlotte Fellers.

Finally, please join me in welcoming Mindy Bohnas as the new CEO effective 1/1/2008. Cindy Smith decided she needed to step aside early so that she can pursue some personal endeavors. I would personally like to thank her for all the time she has devoted to the club in the last several years.

We, here is looking forward to spring,

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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 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:

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Seattle WA 98116

2008 Calendar

For details about these events or to **RSVP**, check out the Calendar at pugetsoundmiataclub.org

February 2008

TBD Winery Tour, hosted by Gores (see pg 1)

March 2008

7 First Friday Formal, hosted by Gores (see pg 1)

April 2008

5 Nominating Meeting, hosted by PSMC
20 CdO Rallye, hosted by Corvettes de Olympia (see page 1)

May 2008

3 Detailin' Day, hosted by Cooper
10 Sequim Parade
17 Poulsbo Parade
23-25 Okanagan Topless Sun Run, Kelowna, Canada hosted by OVMC
31 Shelton Parade

June 2008

7 Sunset Auto Tour, hosted by Ohlsen
14 PSMC Elections, hosted by PSMC Board
21 Marysville Strawberry Festival Parade (Tentative)
28 Port Orchard Parade

July 2008

4 Kingston Fourth of July Parade
12 Hurricane Ridge, hosted by Bell
12 Mercer Island Parade
19 Olympia Parade and BBQ, hosted by Allen
20 Chinatown Parade
26 Silverdale Parade
26 Torchlight Parade

August 2008

3 Miatacross (Tentative), organized by McGriff
9 Run to Mt. Baker, hosted by Bell and Sea-to-Sky Miata Club (Vancouver, BC)
23 PSMC Gathering @ Coop's, hosted by PSMC
30 LeMay Open House
31 South Bend Labor Day Parade and Run

September 2008

6 Mukilteo Parade
27 Leavenworth Autumn Leaf Parade
28 North Cascades Hwy Tour, hosted by Lohkamp

October 2008

TBD Banff, hosted by Perry
2-5 Backroads to Bavaria, hosted Club Miata Northwest (see pg 11)
11 Corn Maze Run, hosted by Fellers
31 Bremerton Safe Trick or Treat, hosted by Bohnas



November 2008

8 Southend Planning Meeting, hosted by PSMC

December 2008

6 PSMC Holiday Party, hosted by PSMC

On the Drawing Board

Dates will be determined later

Mt. St. Helens Run, hosted by McGranaghan
Olympic Peninsula, hosted by McGranaghan and Millar

Wanted: Database Coordinator and Sounder Distribution Coordinator

Yes folks it is time for me to step away from this, again. 5 years is long enough for the 2nd time around. The volunteer who would like to take this on does not need to have experience with Microsoft Access, although it would help. A home PC and printer are a must have along with time to keep up with the membership renewals and new member applications.

Each month a report is extracted from the database to give to the Sounder editor for the monthly New Members and New Faces columns.

Each month New Membership Cards are printed and laminated, Renewal forms are printed and Sounder mailing labels are printed.

What has worked well along with the Data Coordinator is the Sounder Distribution Coordinator. These do not have to be one and the same but it does make things simpler.

The Database Coordinator needs to work well with the Sounder Editor, Communications Officer and Web Committee.

If you are interested in this position please contact Randy Umemoto, carlust@comcast.net or Bonnie Lohkamp at blohkamp@comcast.net.