

Miata Sounder



The Oldest Miata Club in the United States

March / April 2012

Your big chance to help Chart our Course!

What: PSMC Board and Nominating Meeting

When: April 14th 2012 @ 11 a.m.

Where: [Milam Motors, 608 River Road, Puyallup](#)



It's time again for the annual Nominating Board meeting to present a slate of nominees to run the club for another year. The by-laws require a new board be elected every year for one-year terms, including the executive board.

Some board members serve by default, such as the president, a role that moves from the title of operating officer to executive officer. This officer currently is Charlotte Fellers. Our past executive officer Mike Springer, has the option to continue serving on the board as a board member or he may choose to step off the board. Some appointed positions include the membership chair, the treasurer, and the Sounder editor, while other board positions are voluntary and elected.

The capable Sean McGriff has accepted the call to continue as our financial guru for another year. He has served in this role for a number of years in the appointed position and does a terrific job of keeping our funds in order. Tom Mackey has served the past year as our Sounder editor and if he agrees, will continue for another year. He also serves as a board member-at-large.

As of press time, other board members have agreed to serve another year. These include Frank Shriver, Allan Ohlsen, AJ McGranaghan, Vickie Olsen, and Tom Millar.

As you can see, we have board members who are eager to keep the club going, but it does take new ideas and new vision from everyone to keep the club active and fresh. Our cars were invented 22 years ago, so keeping it exciting may prove more and more of a challenge and "new" interlopers take over the buzz in the media. That's where you, as a potential board member, come in. Help the rest of us keep this club moving into the next decade of enjoyment as a Miata owner!

How can you get involved? Come to our nominating meeting on April 14 (which, by the way, is the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the "unsinkable" Titanic ocean liner) and put your name forward to serve for at least a year. You can learn more about the commitment level of board members at that time, or you can contact the nominating committee through Tom Millar at Thomas.millar@yahoo.com.

New Members Appreciation Day!

When: Sunday, April 21st @ 11 a.m.

Hosts: PSMC Staff

Where: [Azteca Restaurant in Redmond](#)

By Allan Ohlsen

Greetings! Are you new to the Puget Sound Miata Club and yet to participate in a club event? Perhaps you have been a member for two or three years, wondering what else your PSMC has to offer. Maybe you're a long time member looking to meet new members, have fun and go for a terrific drive. Come check it out; this event is for you.

Some of the goals of the PSMC are to see you get the most enjoyment from your Miata through club events and activities with like-minded people like yourself. Please join us at the Redmond Azteca for a social time lunch, followed by a

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great drive on some scenic and fun twisty roads. Some of your PSMC Board Members will be on hand, looking forward to meeting you explaining, "How we do it" and also answer your questions. I'm sure your PSMC staff will rustle up some "freebies" and door prizes. This event is designed for the new member, but all are encouraged to join in. Come check out this fun event and meet some terrific people that enjoy the Miata experience as much as you do.

The plan is to start at 11am with lunch, social time and presentations. Lunch

prices are quite reasonable. At around 12:30 we will gather in the parking lot for a "drivers meeting" before heading off for an approximately one hour adventure of fun roads. Last year we drove to Boehm's Chocolates, this year? perhaps a wine shop. This event should last no longer than 3pm. Please RSVP so we (and the restaurant) can plan for you.

Driving Directions:

The [Redmond Azteca](#) is located just off Hwy. 520, east of I-405. Take Hwy. 520 east from I-405, take the "148th Ave. NE" exit, go left (north) over the freeway, Azteca is on the right.

31st Annual Tulip Rallye

When: Saturday, April 21st, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Where: Burlington — [Cascade Mall, I-5 Exit 230 \(map\)](#)

Host: [MG Car Club NW Centre](#)



COME ONE, COME ALL! We are back for our 31st Annual Tulip Rallye. This is a gimmick rallye in place of time/distance checkpoints, so everyone is able to compete successfully. All you need is a sharp eye & sense of humor. Please note: speed is not recommended! Each car club (5-car minimum) will have a 1st Place finish. Non-club entrants can compete in "open" class. Pack a picnic lunch to enjoy along the way or at end point while scores are tabulated. There are restaurants along tour route, but they can be crowded. Pre-registration closes April 16. Entries received after April 16 will be considered day of. Please fill out the form & send it along with \$12 USD / \$15 CDN per car to MGCCNWC at Tulip Rallye, c/o David Ellis, 1521 Eagle Ridge Drive S., Renton, WA 98055. Cost for day-of reg. is \$15 USD or \$18 CDN.

Your car number/rallye info will be issued day of Rallye. For more info call David Ellis @ 425.277.1086 or day of 425.691.0444 (cell). Overnight accommodations available first come, first serve basis at Holiday Inn Express in Burlington. For reservations call 360.755.7338; mention Tulip Rallye to receive special rate of \$119/night for Friday and/or Saturday. Please remember to bring along canned food for donation to a local food bank. The drop off loca-

tion will be at start point, Cascade Mall. Directions: From I-5 take exit 230. Head east on Highway 20. Take right at stop light onto South Burlington Blvd. Take right at next light onto Cascade Mall Drive. Rallye Check-in: 8am-9am. Event T-Shirt: Short Sleeve \$15 (USD) \$18 (CDN) (MED, LG, XL, XXL)

Following additional info from Duncan Johnson

Here is the latest info on the MG Car Club's annual Tulip Rallye in the La Conner area. This can be added to OUR club event calendar and newsletter as our group has participated in past and had a lot of fun.

Reminders: Arrive EARLY at the start. This is a huge rally (say, 300 cars) and they "shotgun" them out of the start from multiple lanes. Also, when you register, spell out our club's name completely, rather than using an abbrev., so the scorers don't lump you with another group because they don't understand. Finally, the host club is pretty strict about cut-off time at the finish, so don't poke around the course.

Note, we personally will miss the Tulip Rallye this year as we'll be out of town.

--- Duncan & Dee

Upcoming Events — Something for Everyone!

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

Items with question marks are still being decided

April

- 1 Corvettes de Olympia Poker and Gimmick Rally
- 14 PSMC Board Meeting and Nominations @ Milam
- 21 New Member Appreciation Run
- 21 MG Club Tulip Rally

May

- 3-5 Miatas In Moab V
- 5 Detailing Day @ Lee Johnsons in Kirkland
- 12 Sequim Parade
- 19 Viking Fest Parade
- 26 Cruisin' Bremerton
- 27 Purdy Isle of Honor

June

- 2 Shelton Parade
- 9 PSMC Board Meeting and Elections @ Milam Motors
- 16 Back Roads in Snohomish, Tom Millar, Tom Mackey
- 23 Port Orchard
- 30 Historics Racing

Hyperlinks in Electronic copy of Newsletter

If you are viewing this on your computer, or viewing on the [PSMC club website](#), you will find hyperlinks that when clicked, will take you to additional information. Sometimes they are courtesy links to sponsors providing services or meeting places, like the [Milam](#) links, or driving instructions like the [Azteca](#) link. You might have to "Ctrl-Click", i.e., hold down the "Ctrl" (Control) key while clicking. Active hyperlinks will be **[Bold Blue Underlined](#)**.

-Ed

July

- 4 Kingston Parade
- 11-12 Two Lanes to Oregon
- 13-15 Explore Oregon
- 21 Opal Car Club Run
- 28 Garage Sale Run
- 29 China Town Evening Parade

August

- 4 The Miata Gathering @ Griots (or 18th?)
- 10-12 Coastal Cruising to Oregon
- 18 Port Townsend Run (or 4th?)
- 25 Whidbey Island Run

September

- 2 South Bend Parade and Run
- 8 Kite Festival (?)
- 22 Autumn Rallye @ Coops by PSMC BOD
- 29 Leavenworth Parade

October

- 5-7 Mahogany, Merlot, and Miatas
- 5-8 Backroads to Bavaria (Club Miata NW)
- 27 Halloween Party (Tom and Marilyn)
- 31 Safe Trick-or-treat in Bremerton

November

- 3 PSMC Board Meeting @ Mitzels in Fife
- 10 Turkey Teaser Run
- 17 Food Collection and Publicity Run

December

- 1 Puyallup Christmas Lights

Detailing Day plus Show and Shine!

When: May 5th, 2012 @ 10:00 a.m.

Where: [Lee Johnson Mazda in Kirkland, 11845 NE 85th, 98033](#)

Hosts: PSMC Board and [Lee Johnson Mazda](#)

At last, spring is calling all Miata drivers to the annual Detailin' Day to get your cars buffed and shined up, ready for the summer driving weather that is (hopefully) just ahead. We'll commence the activities on May 5 at 10 a.m. (not a minute before).

Lee Johnson Mazda in Kirkland has offered their facilities to the club again this year as hosts for the event. Not only does the day provide all club members the chance to wash, vacuum, and buff their cars in preparation for summer driving, it also gives the folks at Lee Johnson some visibility to potential Miata owners who may want to consider owning one of these fabulous cars.

You can show up at 10 a.m. and start the process with washing your car (including under the hood if you choose) and vacuuming the inside. After that, you can get in line for the buffing station, and follow that with a

final coat of wax to bring your baby to its finest shine. All supplies will be provided by the club; all you need to bring is some polishing cloths for the final steps and your own elbow grease.

As in the past, if a non-member wants to detail a car, cost will be \$20 (or they can just join the club for \$30).

We do have a need for some additional volunteer buffers this year. We have a contingent of buffers who have graciously agreed to do this job for many years but for various reasons, they are unable to contribute this year. So now is the time for a new generation of buffing experts to step up to the challenge. You can contact Mike Springer at springer-photo@wamail.net and he'll line you up with all the necessary tools and details to be a buffing rock star.

Lunch will be provided by the board in the form of homemade chili of varying

kinds (including a gluten-free option) and hot dogs provided by the folks at Lee Johnson. We'll have some brownies and gluten-free cookies for dessert.

Once you finish detailing your car, plan to stay on hand until around 2 p.m. for the show-and-shine at the dealership. This is an essential component of our co-sponsorship with the folks at Lee Johnson Mazda, so don't plan to cut and run as soon as you finish up. The good news is that if your car is chosen as a winner, you can get some great prizes provided by Lee Johnson for your efforts.



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Photo by Rex Siegmeth <Coaster101@msn.com>

Taken about a mile out French Road west of Tieton, Washington.

Nice photo, Rex! The roads in and around the Yakima Valley are some of our favorites. And the geology is fascinating, too!

-Ed

Other Car Clubs' Events and Shared Events

Miatas In Moab V



Thursday, May 3 through Saturday May 5, 2012 (Checkout Sunday) Events and activities begin on Friday. Event registration opens at 5:00 PM Thursday. Welcome Social Thursday Evening. Cost of the event will be \$65.00 per person and includes the Event Cowboy Dinner Buffet & Program Sat. night (\$35.00 value) and Event full color Logo T-Shirt, Misc. Handouts for Drives, Event Schedule and Goodie Bag. Download the [Event Registration Form](#) to register for the event. Look for details on how to register on our website in the near future. Other details about the event will also be posted.

Enjoy this short Video Clip taken by Mazda people from our Moab IV event. Click on the link below and this will bring back some fond memories: [Mazda NA's Miatas In Moab IV Video](#)

We attended Miatas in Moab, the Sequel (MiM II) and Miatas in Moab IV. We had a great time both trips, and I wish we could attend this year, as the new host hotel, Red Rocks Canyon Inn, is a spectacular setting. Check out my blog entries to get a feel of the past events and the drive to Moab: [Dawn Drive MiM-II](#), [Part One MiM-IV](#), [Part Two MiM-IV](#), and [Part Three MiM-IV](#) (<http://travelers-traces.blogspot.com/>) -ed

Two Lanes to Oregon, Explore Oregon Road Trip!

When: Wed-Thur, July 11-12 + Fri-Sun July 13-15

Where: Centralia to Eugene OR, Ashland OR

Hosts: Dee Dahlke & Duncan Johnson, WVMC

Event Hosts Dee Dahlke & Duncan Johnson, phone 243-845-2424, e-mail ToadHallWA@yahoo.com

PSMC again is hosting our overnigher run to WVMC's "Explore Oregon" meet in Ashland, and we will get there by using the twistiest and most scenic secondary roads. PSMC drivers will recognize some of our favorite roads, but we'll be introducing new roads as well this year. This run travels at leisurely "cruising speed," not "cornering on the door handles," and we make frequent stops when curious.

Weds. July 11: Meet at the Chevron station off the SE corner of Exit 81 (Mellen St.) from I-5 in Centralia, Wash. and leave at 9:00 AM. [If you're mapping it, specific location is: Mellen Street Freeway Market, 1232 Mellen Street, Centralia, WA 98531, (360) 736-3112.] We'll take the 2-lane blacktop

into Oregon and have lunch near Forest Grove.

Bring your CB radio.

We will stop for the night at Phoenix Inn Suites, 850 Franklin Blvd, Eugene, OR 97403, Tel: (541) 344-0001 Toll Free: (800) 344-0131, (Web: <http://www.phoenixinn.com/eugene/>) A block of 8 rooms is reserved for us.

Phone the hotel directly -- don't use the web or a central booking service --- and make your reservations soonest; ask them for July 11 and the "Miata Club 2012" block. Six single king rooms are \$149; also two 2-queen rooms are available at same price, but they are handicap-accessible. The room block expires 30 days in advance (June 11th.) You may cancel without penalty up to 4:00 PM the day before arrival.

Thurs. July 12: After the hotel's continental breakfast we'll get out of town and find the back roads, and maybe some covered bridges, arriving in Ashland for the first evening's opening ceremonies of Explore Oregon. We may have to include a section of freeway this day to avoid some very long route-arounds.

Please RSVP on our PSMC web site calendar so we know who's coming! (Your hosts are not available for consultation April 16 through May 3 inclusive, due to other business.)

Note well: You must register separately with WVMC for the Explore Oregon meet.

See <http://www.oregonmx5.com/> If you haven't done so already, you are late, especially for hotel rooms there.

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Other Car Clubs' Events and Shared Events (Cont.)

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(Following information copied from the Explore Oregon web site so you have both hotel contacts in one place. See the web site for actual event registration. -ed)

To reserve your guestroom call the Best Western Windsor Inn 800-334-

2330 and identify yourself as a member of the Explore Oregon Event. Reservations must be guaranteed by a Master Account, credit card, or advance deposit received 30 days prior to arrival. Reservations received after the cut-off date will be provided on a space available basis at prevailing rates.

Best Western Windsor Inn
2520 Ashland St
Ashland, Oregon
Toll Free: 800-334-2330
Local: 541-488-2330
Dates: July 12-15, 2012

Recent Events

South Sound Wine Tour

Thanks to Rex Siegmeth for the photos. He came over from Yakima to attend! It was his first event with PSMC and he says he had a great time. -ed

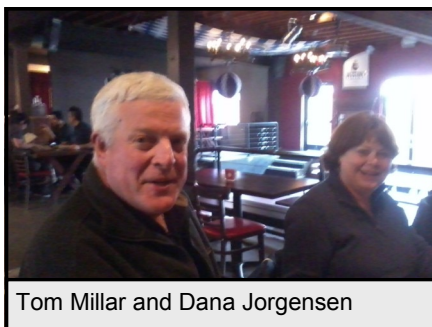


Lots of Bluster for the St. Patrick's Day Run

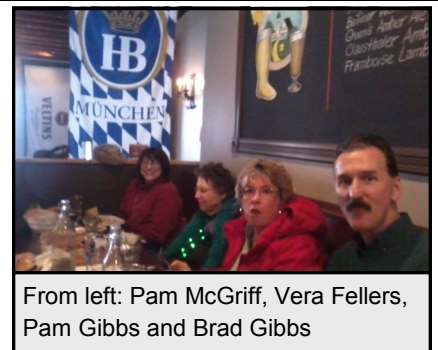
Just five cars turned out for the rainy and sometimes snowy, St. Patrick's Day Run on Saturday, March 17, hosted by Sean and Pam McGriff. They were joined by Brad and Pam Gibbs, Tom Millar, Dana Jorgensen,

and Charlotte and Vera Fellers for a romp through some interesting suburban neighborhoods between Renton and Issaquah and back again.

The drive featured lots of unexpected shamrock sightings that magically appeared on the cars of those in attendance and occasional snowflakes, rain, and eventually sunshine. The short drive ended at a fun restaurant in Renton, the Berliner, which hosted the group for a rousing round of German beer and brats of all kinds. The German theme was an unexpected surprise but the food was good and the price was right.



Tom Millar and Dana Jorgensen



From left: Pam McGriff, Vera Fellers, Pam Gibbs and Brad Gibbs

The group ended the day by leaving behind some mischief-making stickers on the seats, tables, and menus just for the fun of it.

Coastal Cruisin' When: August 10-12

Hosts: AJ & Vickie McGranahan and Charlotte Fellers

Contact: editorcharlotte@gmail.com or aj.mcgranaghan@us.army.mil

We'd like to invite you to join us on a road trip that will take us along the Columbia River to the coast of Oregon to see some of the sights and scenery along some well-traveled as well as undiscovered, roads.

While this drive is still under construction, we plan to leave from Centralia after an optional breakfast at the Country Kitchen Restaurant mid-morning on August 10 and take some interesting roads through Elsie, Oregon via Pacific Coast Highway 101, stopping by the Tillamook Cheese factory for a tour and some free samples of their fine cheeses and ice cream. We will head into Lincoln City, Oregon for our first

overnight stay.

On Day Two, we plan to head through some wine country and possibly hit a few wineries in the area around Corvallis, with a stop in Newport for food before heading north to Silverton for our second night's stay at the beautiful Oregon Gardens Resort. This has become a favorite hotel where many of us have stayed before when we participated in the Explore Oregon run with the Willamette Valley Miata Club. We'll have plenty of time to tour the Oregon Gardens (tickets included with your hotel reservation) and also to perhaps have a get-together to sample some wines we may have purchased that

day. The Oregon Gardens Hotel has a restaurant and lounge area, but there are several restaurants in Silverton and nearby in Salem that also could offer some different food choices.

Day Three (Sunday) will be on your own, with an optional self-guided trip out to nearby Silver Falls State Park, where you can spend a few minutes or the whole day hiking and touring the many waterfalls in this state park before heading home.

As we firm up details of this trip, we will be sharing them on the website and in the newsletter, so stay tuned.

Mahogany & Merlot (Wine) Tour

Where: Chelan, Washington

When: October 5, 6, 7 Hosts: Jaeger/Ohlsen

Wine lovers! Gearheads! Nostalgics! Do you like vintage wooden boats, vintage unlimited hydroplanes, and Chelan area wines? How about staying at a premium Chelan waterfront resort for a bargain price of \$110-\$138 per



night? This is the PSMC event for you.

Join us for a fun three-day weekend tour as we venture off to Lake Chelan for the Mahogany & Merlot festival held in Chelan. We will be staying at Campbell's Waterfront Resort, walking distance to the festival. The festival features wine of course, but also many vintage wooden pleasure craft on display, some offering rides. The big attraction though is the unlimited hydroplanes from the Unlimited Hydroplane Museum. Remember Miss Bardahl,



Thriftway, Oh Boy! O'Berto, Hawaii Kai? Experience the roar of these piston-engine boats as they run around the lake course. We are also planning a wine tour of the many wineries in the area.

More details will follow, but the plan is to leave from Monroe on Friday, tour a couple wineries while en-route to Campbell's resort. Saturday is festival day and wine tour day; you may do both. We are looking into a BBQ offered at one of the wineries for dinner on Saturday. Sunday, we make our way back west, but if you have not enough fun, we will be stopping in Leavenworth taking in a little October-

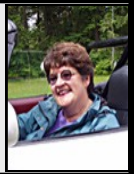
fest with a brat & beer. As a bonus, there is a possibility our club will be part of the festival where we can display our Miatas as a club.

Sound like fun? Here is what you need to do; RSVP for the event then call Campbell's Resort 800-553-8225 or 509-682-2177 to reserve your room for Oct. 5th and 6th. Mention "Mahogany & Merlot" (group number 230749) to get the discount. Don't wait. Campbell's has several rooms blocked for this event, but is offered to all festival participants (not just us) so it will fill up soon. Questions, please contact Paul Jaeger or Allan Ohlsen. This will be a most memorable trip.



President's Message March / April 2012

By Charlotte Fellers



I've noticed we have had a few "patio" days lately. I spent an afternoon in my lounge chair on the back deck this week reading a book and soaking up some much-needed Vitamin D from the sun. I hardly recognized it! Winter always seems to drag on through March, but thankfully, Auburn has not had any more power outages. I don't know if it was good or bad news to get a letter from the electric company giving me a \$50 credit since my power was out for more than 120 hours in January during our big winter storm. Not only that, my electric bill was already lower by six days! Every cloud has a silver lining. *(Written 3/10, before the March -end deluge! -ed)*

While the club is somewhat dormant in the winter months, I have been busy again this year volunteering with the Miss Auburn Scholarship pageant. It's a feeder pageant for the Miss Washington Scholarship Pageant and that feeds the Miss America Scholarship Pageant. I only mention this because I spend every Sunday afternoon starting in November, until our pageant the first weekend in February, in rehearsals with our local young women. We here in the Auburn community are very proud of the fact that we give away more scholarship dollars than any other local pageant in the United States. This year, for instance, our 22 contestants shared scholarships totaling \$77,000. Our winner took about \$10,000 in scholarship cash as our titleholder. While it's a big time commitment, I'm glad to be part of a program that supports our next generation of high achieving women. So now, on to some big events coming up in April and May.

First up is the Nominating Meeting April 14 at 11 a.m. at Milam Motors in Puyallup. We will, as usual, start with a potluck lunch (bring good food to share and some small containers to take home a few leftovers if you want). The main purpose of this meeting, however, is not to eat, but to put together a slate of board members who will serve for the next year. Many of our current board have agreed to stand for election again, but we have a few who have served many years that are ready for a breather. One in particular I'd like to recognize is Mindy Bohnas, who has been on the board at least seven or eight years. She's a bit like the Eveready bunny. Mindy loves this club but she has reached the point where she just needs a break. Although she won't be on the board next year, she will continue to be our newsletter distributor and membership director, so for that, we owe her a debt of gratitude.

If you haven't ever served on the board, it would be a good time to step up. While it does require some commitment at different times of the year, we do have a good time when we get together and you will form some lasting relationships with other board members. I find that I get more random dinner invitations and opportunities to do things one-on-one as a result of being on the board than I ever did before. If you are interested, you can shoot me an email at editor-charlotte@gmail.com and I'll pass your name along to the nominating committee.

One of our most popular early-season drives is April 21 and is hosted by Allen Ohlsen for new members who have joined the club

in the past 12 months. Many of our board members will be there to fill you in on the "way it works" in the PSMC including the ins and outs of being a good road warrior and different ways to get involved in the club. You'll get a free gift if you are a new member and you'll learn some important information about the club. This drive is only a few hours and starts with a lunch at the Azteca in Redmond, 3040 148th Ave. NE. at 11 a.m. From there, Allen takes us on a scenic drive along Lake Sammamish and we end with a sweet treat a few hours later. Check the website to RSVP.

Finally, on May 27 (the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend) Bob and Marti Mott, of Gig Harbor, host the drive from Purdy to Vaughn Cemetery for the moving Aisle of Honor Memorial Day ceremony, featuring flags from around the world commemorating the war dead who are interred in the cemetery. You'll hear from the Navy performance band and see color guards from other branches of the Armed Forces. Afterward, the Motts lead a drive back to their home in Gig Harbor for a delicious soup luncheon.

I want to add a quick "save the date" for those of you who are fans of the fabulous LeMay Car Museum. The new museum that has been under construction in Tacoma near the Tacoma Dome is slated for its grand opening June 1-3. I have contacted the museum to see if they would like the PSMC to provide some volunteers to help with crowd control during the grand opening. If you are available, let me know and I'll help coordinate the details.

Hope to see you on the road soon!

Editor's Message

By Tom Mackey

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Two days ago I walked out of my beige colored padded cell with no door and out into a sun drenched day that actually felt like Spring. Since we don't commute in Miss Daisy, the best I could do was to open the sun roof, so open it I did! After a long cool and damp Winter and Spring the warm sun streaming into the car sure felt good. Of course, the next day it was back to status quo, but the hint of nice weather ahead got me thinking about top-down road trips. Getting your Miata started for that first sunny day may be a problem if you have let it sit unused for some time. Twice this winter our 2009 (NC – battery under the hood) Miata failed to start. This was a disappointment as the battery in our 1999 (NB – battery in the trunk) had never failed us under similar periods of down time. I checked around and found that two sources handily beat the prices at the dealer (~\$120). Pacific Power up in Everett and Costco both have the replacement battery for ~\$80 which includes the core charge. Pacific Battery also has a dry technology battery that is supposed to last far longer and be mounted in any orientation for ~\$200. Hopefully this will help you start your investigations when your battery needs to be replaced. If you do the replacement yourself you will be well advised to figure out some way to maintain power to the system during the change over so you don't have to reset all the computerized gizmos found in modern automobiles. Disclaimer: check the owner's manual; don't listen to me! I'll have our battery checked at the next service and if checks out good I'll dig out the little trickle charger I used to use on my motorcycles and keep it topped off – that's better for your battery anyway and ensures you can take advantage of those rare sunny Winter days.

I'd like to encourage all of you to attend this month's PSMC board and nominating meeting. I have been a member of various organizations over the years and always find that getting involved in the leadership is easy to do, rarely takes up very much time (Membership and Newsletter Editor being the two exceptions), and always leads to a greater sense of enjoyment. Just attending the meetings once a quarter gets us to know some of the other club members better and this has led to extra-curricular activities such as dinner parties and other activities. So come on and attend the board meeting, consider a board position, and help make our club into something you enjoy even more than you already do.

So until next time, get your motor running, get out on the back roads, your rag-top down, your hair blowing in the breeze and your sunglasses over your eyes.

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- Send 3-5 of your best photos, not 20-30.
- Send us your j-pegs 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.
- The deadline is the 15 each month. Please observe it!

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