

Miata Sounder



*Newsletter of the Puget Sound Miata Club
The Oldest Miata Club in the World*

The Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas

*When: August 7, 2010
Where: Griot's Garage
3333 S. 38th St, Tacoma
When: 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (apx.)
Hosted by PSMC Board*

Have you made your reservation yet? It is hard to believe that another year has passed and it is once again time to gather and celebrate who we are and the car we love. Time again to recommit to our club principle: Hit the road and have fun!

The program begins at 10.00 am and will include prizes for the top 3 Show 'n Shine winners. We will have a Tech Workshop and good food.

We will see first generation, second generation and third generation Miatas and maybe even figure out who will be the first to own a fourth generation!

Directions to Griot's Garage:

From I-5 take Exit 132. Get onto 38th St. and bear to the right and look for Griot's (large white building with red stripes.) Cross street is S Lawrence Street.

If you do nothing else with the club this year, be there!

Lee Johnson Show 'n Shine

*When: August 14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Where: Lee Johnson
Hosted by PSMC Board
RSVP: www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org*

We have accepted an invitation to participate in a "show and shine" event at Lee Johnson Chevrolet-Mazda in Woodinville, WA. The event will run from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the dealership. A designated area will be provided by Lee Johnson for this event.

This event commemorates the 40th anniversary of Lee Johnson as well as recognition of the 20th anniversary of the Miata. While the details of this event are still under construction, our PSMC membership support of this event is needed and

appreciated.

We hope to build some goodwill with Lee Johnson, a dealership where many of us have shopped for Miatas and parts in the past. The event will give the opportunity to gab with other Miatalites and generally have a great time. Lee Johnson represents a potential sponsor for our club and our attendance will help in promoting this effort.

So help out the club and come support this fun event at the same time! See the website for directions to the event.

Upcoming Events

August 7

The Gathering - the annual celebration of who we are. 10.00 am - 2.00 pm, Griot's Garage.

August 14

Show 'n Shine - Lee Johnson Mazda, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

August 17

Meet 'n Greet - XXX in Issaquah. Burgers & Malts on the patio at 6:30 pm.

August 21

Haywire Hoot - 9.30 am gather - see details inside.

August 28

LeMay Museum Open House - come to this once-a-year event to see over 1000 classic cars.

September 18

**PSMC AUTUMN
RALLYE**

upcoming

Road Run to the SouthBend Parade

Sunday, September 5, 2010

Hosts: Dee Dahlke & Duncan Johnson

Phone: 253-845-2424

E-mail: ToadHallWA@yahoo.com

This will be a scenic run of about 110 miles on fun two-lane roads to drive our Miatas in the annual "Come And Play On Labor Day" parade in South Bend, Wash. (Start with a full tank of gas!) We will arrive about noon and get staged; parade starts at 1:00 PM. Bring your usual car cleaning and decorating junk. Free hot dogs and sodas for all participants at the finish line. Will there then be our traditional PSMC fish fry nearby? Only Rosa knows.

You have four options to join this run:

1. Meet for breakfast at 8:00 AM at Tanglewood Grill, 3222 56th St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335 (Restaurant Phone: 253-858-5555.) Directions: From either Purdy or Tacoma, take the Olympic Dr. exit (Exit 10) off Hwy 16, then take the first right at traffic light on the west side of the freeway onto Pt. Fosdick Dr. NW. Go about 1/4 mile and around the corner and the restaurant is on the left. We will start the run at 9:00 AM.
2. Meet us at our pitstop at Kneeland Park off SR3 in downtown Shelton about 10:00 AM.
3. Meet us about 11:15 AM at the Monte Square shopping center and Chevron, in Montesano, at the SR 107 exit off US 12 freeway.
4. If you and your Miata are already at the ocean beaches, just join us before the start of the parade in South Bend. We usually get staged near the post office.

Should you get confused en route, the hosts' cell phone is 253-861-4554 (day of event only, no coverage at home.)

Please sign up using the RSVP feature on our PSMC web site. Questions to Dee at home phone/e-mail above.



PSMC Autumn Rallye Spells F U N!

Hosted by: PSMC Board

When: September 18

Where: Coop's Miata, Maple Valley

Imagine a beautiful fall afternoon with the top down, enjoying the colors of the season as leaves turn from green to brown, yellow, red, and orange. Now, imagine driving some backroads with others and answering trivia questions and maybe even winning a prize at the end of the day.

That's what you'll experience if you participate in this year's newest "event" drive, which will hopefully become one of the main fundraisers for the club. The drive will take you around some South King County backroads on some nice curves while enjoying the stellar weather that usually brings fall colors with it.

This drive is being masterminded by Bill Cooper and Karen Perry, who are busy planning some interesting twists to the event. We do know the start and end points will be at Coop's Miata in Maple Valley. You'll be able to stop by the registration booth and collect all your tickets, free gift, and directions and be on your way immediately, if you choose.

After your drive, you will get a hot dog lunch and enjoy your food while listening to the sounds of a three-piece band that specializes in '60's and '70's music. In addition, you will be entered into a raffle for some terrific door prizes, including car care packs, a Made in Washington picnic pack, and a tire rim wall clock, perfect for your shop.

We have partnered with local food banks to help collect canned goods for the local needy, so plan to bring along some canned food to donate at two pit stops along the way.

The entry fee is \$20 per car in advance or \$25 at the gate. The entry fee will come with a raffle ticket for each person in the car, one meal ticket, one set of directions, and one commemorative gift of a collectible glass with the logo imprinted on it. Additional raffle tickets, commemorative glasses, and lunch tickets will be available for sale at the event. As updates become available, you can find them at the club's website, www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org, where you can download a registration form.

Commemorative glasses with the logo imprinted in a beautiful bright green. Also, the rallye route will go through Enumclaw and MV and will stop at both food banks so people can bring their canned goods to help out the local food banks (free will donations here).

upcoming events

Cascade Highway Tour from Chelan

When: Sunday, September 26

Hosted by: A.J. & Vickie McGranaghan

Cell # 253-298-8916

Sunday, September 26, 2010 will be our 3rd attempt at traversing this beautiful high speed route of the North Cascades. This event is designed to dovetail with the Leavenworth Autumn Festival Parade which is being coordinated by Bill Bell on the 25th. Regardless, if you choose to participate in the parade on Saturday September 25, 2010, the agenda for the No. Cascade trip is as follows: Saturday evening (9-25-2010) will start off with a meet and greet at the: Best Western Lakeside Lodge & Suites, 2312 West Woodin Ave. Chelan, WA 98816. Phone 509-682-4396. Toll free reservations: 800-468-2781. The event sponsors, (A.J. & Vickie McGranaghan) will be hosting a pot-luck dinner in their suite. (time ???) If you choose to stay in this premier lodging we encourage you to book your reservation at your earliest opportunity. The most cost effective way to book is via the internet at www.bestwestern.com and follow the prompts to Chelan, WA. Check out the above web site. This lodging has many amenities.

Now onto the "meat and potatoes" of this highly anticipated event: Sunday morning 9-26-2010 (at 0845) we will assemble at the front foyer of the Best Western for a drivers safety brief and to hand out maps and to cuss and discuss what's going to take place for the next 5+ hours. In a thumb nail sketch: We as an assemblage will depart Lake Chelan at 0900 and proceed northbound up highway 97 until just prior to Pateros at which time we will proceed onto highway 163 through Methow, Twisp, and Winthrop. This should be about 90 miles and take about 2.5 hours. We anticipate spending approximately a little over an hours sightseeing etc. (Based on past experience you might plan on purchasing a lite snack/lunch to consume during our next break at Diablo dam.) After leaving Winthrop we will proceed onto Mazama, Diablo, Newhalem, Marblemount and into Rockport. (For you north enders this might be the opportunity for you to peel off on highway 20 which terminates in Mount Vernon area. For the remainder of my fellow miataites, we will continue south on highway 530 from Rockport to Darrington and finally terminating in Arlington. Based on past experience the total distance traveled will be 236 miles and will take about 5 and a half hours (5.5 hours) less the anticipated stops at Winthrop, Rainy Pass, and Diablo dam. Our contingency plan is as follows: If it rains we'll be "hosed"....Seriously though, the best alternative would be to cancel the No. Cascade trip and proceed on your own back home either via Stevens Pass or via I-90.....This trip in the past has been a "gas" (that's

a play on words) in that it allows us to take our roadsters out for a wee stretch of the legs utilizing high speed avenues of approach. (That's army talk for unimpeded routes that tanks can utilize to run down the enemy in great haste).....If you haven't participated in this event in the past, we encourage new and old members to give it a try...Trust me....(I'm from the government) You'll love it and won't be disappointed.

Vickie and I are looking forward to sponsoring this event and putting back/contributing into the club by sponsoring this run. We are anticipating great weather (and little traffic being a Sunday) and the companionship of our fellow miataphiles.

August's Meet & Greet

Triple XXX Root Beer Drive-In

98 NE Gilman Blvd

Issaquah

Tuesday, August 17th 6:30pm □

Almost everyone in western Washington is familiar with the Triple XXX on Gilman Boulevard near the intersection with Front Street in Issaquah. They know about its jaw-stretching monster burgers, icy mugs of root beer, and straw-bending shakes. They know about its 1950's and 60's pop music – provided by tableside mini-jukeboxes – and its cherry-red and creamy white booths. They've witnessed the army of gleaming "Rod-tiques" parked outside on weekend Summer nights.

But did you know that:

* The Issaquah Triple XXX is one of only two Triple XXX drive-ins still operating anywhere (the other is in West Lafayette, Indiana)

* The barrel sign above the Triple XXX is the largest lighted Plexiglas sign in the West

*CNN recently filmed the Triple XXX for a TV special on the Top 10 Most Fun and Entertaining 1950's diners in America (It's true, although it's not yet known when the spot will show.)

*Triple XXX Root Beer was chosen the 4th-best root beer in the nation by Luke's Root Beer Reviews, as publicized in a national magazine?

You can find out more at their website:

www.triplexrootbeer.com/history.htm

Come join us for an evening of great burgers, great friends and really great cars. Hope to meet some new friends!

upcoming events/aftermath

CORN MAZE TOUR III

When: Saturday October 9, 2010

Rain or shine

Hosts: Charlotte Fellers,

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and

Dee Dahlke & Duncan Johnson

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“Listen! The wind is rising, and the air is wild with leaves;

We have had our summer evenings, now for October’s eves.”

We will start from the SuperMall in Auburn on Saturday October 9. Meet at 12:30 PM, leave at 1:00 PM. Take the 15th St. SW exit off the Valley Freeway (SR 167) and follow the SuperMall signs. This is the first exit SOUTH of the SR 18 interchange. Look for our Miatas near the IHOP restaurant on the south side of the mall parking lots.

We’ll take a scenic drive and blow the fallen leaves off little-known twisty roads of south King County and north Pierce County, then frolic in a corn maze in the Puyallup area. (Dress for the weather and bring extra old boots suitable for stomping around a muddy field.) After everyone has completed the maze and the search parties have returned from the cornfield we’ll drive to Dee and Duncan’s house nearby for a hearty semi-potluck dinner early on an autumn evening. Hosts provide main course of French Provencale Stew (“Boeuf Daube.”) Suggested side dishes for you to bring: appetizers, ratatouille, baguette, and desert. Please no dogs; this house is owned by a feline.

Please sign up with our PSMC web site RSVP feature so the hosts know how many to expect. Questions to Dee at



Vashon Island Redux

By Charlotte Fellers

The day dawned cool and rainy, but 13 Miatas arrived at the Vashon Island Park n Ride to explore the area on June 19. All in all, it was not a “top down” kind of day, though. Every few miles, someone would take off the top and then a few miles later, a downpour would necessitate a stop to put the tops back up. Finally, at the end of the day, all tops were up.

But other than the rain interfering, it was a perfect day for sightseeing and learning a little bit about living on an island. The fare for a car and driver to and from Vashon is around \$19, so this could get expensive for those who commute. Our co-hosts, Bill Aycock and Don Bojarski, said they generally commute as “walk-ons” and actually bought a house within walking distance to the ferry dock so they would never have to fight traffic to get to work! Fortunately, for those “islanders” who commute, annual passes can be had for a better rate.

Armed with snacks from our hosts and their other co-host Chris Stollery, the 40-mile drive wound its way to the first stop for a short history lesson at Paradise Ridge Park. This park used to be a Nike missile site during World War II and some of the original structures still remain today. A recently completed riding ring has made a good use of the vacant land today.

The road took us through Frog Holler and past a number of unusual roadside signs and other odd structures that reside on the quirky island of Vashon. About midway through the drive, we stopped in downtown Vashon for lunch. Most stayed close by a few fun restaurants.

Among them was the Hardware Store Restaurant, housed in a building that was built in 1890 by F.W. Gorsuch as a general store. It is the only building in downtown Vashon that still stands from this time period. The structure was remodeled in 1935 for the owner at the time, George McCormick in the Streamlined Modern style. It has been transformed again into the restaurant that stands today. In the heart of downtown, the structure also houses a small art gallery in the back of the restaurant.

After a refreshing lunch break and the opportunity to explore downtown Vashon on foot, the road ahead beckoned. Next stop was Point Robinson park, which featured a nice walk down a rather steep hill found the group at the Vashon Island Lighthouse, before winding our way back to our starting point at the Vashon Park n Ride by mid-afternoon.

aftermath

WVMC "Explore Oregon" Meet

By Dee Dahlke ('99 silver "Road Dancer") & Duncan Johnson

Road Dancer met up with her PSMC touring friends (Miatas holding Fred & Bev Rudd, Charlotte Fellers, and A.J. & Vickie McGranaghan plus dog) at Nisqually and we actually used a free-way to get clear of Olympia, but then we found the much nicer two-lane blacktop through Littlerock, Rochester, and points onward. Somewhere between Independence and Adna we spotted a roadside sign for "Baked Goods Sale" and all skidded to a halt at a small stand where we picked up some good tasting home made bread/cake/pie road food, pay on the honor system. We suspect the baker was Mennonite by the tracts available for reading.

We followed Highway 6 (always a favorite) through Menlo, noting enroute that the Lebam Tavern has closed. An ultra-twisty zorch over the hill by Fern Hill Cemetery brought us into Raymond the back way. Lunch was at a bbq place in South Bend, where the ambiance was (ahem) rustic but the clam chowder was excellent. We stopped to prowl and gaze in awe at the historic (1910) Pacific County Courthouse and its massive stained glass dome. What a treasure! Then it was a direct run to Astoria and the Willamette Valley Miata Club mega-meet.

There were at least 64 Miatas at the Best Western parking lot, maybe more, and milk-n-cookies were awaiting in the hotel lobby. Other attendees with PSMC affiliation included Ron & Laurie Doering (their first big Miata meet,) Fred & Sandi Holler, Vicki & Judy Burr-Chellin, Maury Fugitt & Sandy McKnight, plus PSMC alumni Dennis Thompson and Joanie Hughes. There was a huge get-together reception at Clemente's restaurant down the street in Olde Astoria, followed by debriefings at the hotel rooms.

Saturday morning we had been ordered to get in our cars ready-to-go at oh-eight-fifteen for a mass launch at oh-eight-thirty, as the local police would be stopping US 101 traffic to get us out on the road. Fine so far, but there is a roundabout a couple of blocks down the street and Miatas started hot-lapping it, with some extending the race course back to the left turn lane at the hotel (what the heck, traffic was stopped.) This did not endear us to the officers on duty, so before we pushed it too far we peeled off the roundabout on a subsequent lap and followed the breadcrumbs to the Astoria Column.

Everyone had been issued a balsa wood glider to fly from the platform at the top of the column aiming at a target rigged on the parking lot. Our glider had been assembled with great precision by the resident Boeing Technical Fellow, but then he set the cooler on it in the Miata's trunk, so Dee had to open the first aid kit and patch it with Band-Aids. Literally! She heroically hauled it to the top of the column and tossed it to the winds. Her patchwork plane landed 4th closest to the target, but alas, trophies were only through 3rd place.

Then the cars separated into groups and started at intervals depending on which 80-100 mile tour you had signed up for. One went to the village of Elsie and back, one went to Clatskanie and back, and after they returned and had lunch there were afternoon choices of a modified re-run of Clatskanie or another tour of extreme SW Washington. Check a detailed map, pick the best Miata roads, and you'll know right where WVMC was taking everyone. We personally opted for the big alternate choice which was an

all-day historic tour of Northwest Oregon, including a lunch hour at McMenamin's Sand Trap in Gearhart.

All was fine until our group turned into Youngs River Falls for a photo opp at the waterfall and discovered the Elsie tour was there at the same time. Although Miatas are petite, that number of them wouldn't fit into the tiny road and tinier parking area, so our group decided to press on. That entailed some autocrossing around deer which were using our road! No venison hood ornaments this time. We did get to make an extended visit to Lewis & Clark's Fort Clatsop where a mountain man gave an excellent pitch about the flintlock rifle (ka-boom!)

After lunch we returned via historic sites along the beach area, such as a coast artillery battery and the jetty, and some cars even drove on the beach (not this detailer.) We might add that each route was a poker run, with cards issued at the various stops. Some cards had strange markings (???) and card-swapping was encouraged. Hmmm...

Praise from ye olde navigator: This year WVMC's printed route instructions were excellent, obviously sanity-checked by someone who had actually driven the route, not just copied from some otherworldly on-line mapping service. Hurrah! Although Miata drivers in the tour bread-crumbed faithfully at the turns, someone who got separated from the tour could easily have found their own way to catch up. Well done!

Saturday night the big party was a prime rib and wild salmon buffet at Clemente's followed by door prizes, raffle prizes, glider prizes, and poker prizes (not our hand: one of a kind, deuce high.) The marked cards netted a special prize for anyone whose marks spelled out "MX-5." We must note here that Astoria has several nearby street parking places with a sign about 4 feet off the ground saying, "No parking for any vehicle taller than this sign." Take THAT, you monster trucks! Couldn't be nicer for a low slung sports car. Actually it is done to prevent blocking visibility at driveways and alleys, but it sure works for us.

Sunday morning there was a re-run of the SW Washington tour for anyone who missed it, but after checkout we joined the Doerings to go find the waterfall we had missed earlier. It is beautiful, well worth the ride. After that we re-ran the Clatskanie tour by reversing its route along highways 202 and 47, favorite roads that should be on any sports car driver's bucket list. No elk at the elk sanctuary, but there was a wild turkey strutting amongst the new-mown hay. Ah, summer down on the farm.

Homeward bound, we met the annual Seattle-To-Portland 9000-bicycle run on the high bridge over the Columbia at Longview, and we stopped for coffee at a Starbucks there, so we could watch the sweaty bike riders stagger in and get caffeinated-up for their final 50 miles. Can't wait to find out what WVMC is cooking up next yea

*Narrow road,
narrow cars!*

*Meeting of the two tours
at Youngs River Falls.
Photo by Laurie Doering*



2010 Calendar

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

August 2010

- 7 Great Northwest Gathering, hosted by PSMC Board at Groit's in Tacoma. Join in for some fun prizes and good food and socializing with your Miata friends and others from clubs in the Northwest!
- 14 Lee Johnson Mazda, Show n Shine, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Capitalize on an opportunity to show off your car and enter to win a "People's Choice" prize for your car.
- 17 Eat n Greet, XXX in Issaquah, hosted by McGriffs. Meet your friends at this iconic landmark for burgers and malts on the patio!
- 21 Haywire Hoot II, hosted by Newsoms
- 28 LeMay Museum Open House, Spanaway. Once a year, the museum opens all the doors to every building so you can see more than 1000 classic and collector cars. A can't miss event!

September 2010

- 5 South Bend Parade, meet at Gig Harbor for breakfast, hosted by Dahlke/Johnson, with the CDeO Club, offers a fun ride through the backroads to the always-popular South Bend Parade. Follow the caravan to a great fish fry afterward.
- 18 **New!** First Annual Autumn Rallye, hosted by PSMC Board. This is a new gimmick rallye that will feature driving around the backroads of South King County. There will be prizes for winners plus door prizes and lunch!
- 25 Leavenworth Autumn Fest Parade
- 26 North Cascades Run, hosted by McGranahans.

October 2010

- 1-3 Long Beach Mystery Tour, hosted by Springers.
- 9 Corn Maze III, hosted by Fellers & Dahlke/Johnson
- 30 Halloween Party, hosted by Millars.
- 31 Bremerton Safe Trick or Treat.

November 2010

- 6 PSMC Fall Planning Meeting, Mitzel's in Fife, lunch at 11 a.m., meeting at noon.
- 21 Turkey Teaser, hosted by McGriffs, starts in Renton.

December 2010

- 31 Dee Dalhke's Big Birthday Party! Puyallup. Cruise in for an afternoon casual party and then head off to your nighttime celebrations.



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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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Hope to meet you at an event soon!

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Dee Dahlke Puyallup
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Mike Crimmins Kenmore
Gene and Ellie Wilson Lakewood
Terry and Mike Shannon Moses Lk.
Looking forward to seeing you at an event soon!
How about leading one?

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