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Detailin' Day Moves To Coop's Miata This Year

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After a number of years of being guests of Lee Johnson Mazda for our annual Detailin' Day, the PSMC Board has moved the event to a new venue. We were informed this winter that Lee Johnson Mazda has so many new cars on their lot that they simply don't have room for our event any longer. Good car sales has created a new venue for us.

If you're a longtime club member, then you may recall that we used to have Detailin' Day in Maple Valley at Coop's Miata. But then, we had the opportunity for Lee Johnson to host us, and this was a marriage that worked well for a long time. Not only did Lee Johnson provide the venue and a big tent for the buffing stations, they also provided hot dogs, cookies, and drinks for lunch, and trophies for a Show N Shine Competition. We all got Lee Johnson shopping bags too, just for showing up! It was a great run while it lasted.

But now, we've been invited back to Coop's for this year's event. This year, you can bring your dirty car and we'll have car washing stations set up so you can wash it onsite before heading to the buffing tents. Coop's has a nice grassy pasture where all the action takes place. We'll have the usual great Griot's products to use for your

buffing, but because we have only one buffer who has volunteered to buff cars, we need a few more people to step up. If you'd like to volunteer as a buffer, please contact board member Tom Millar at tom.millar@yahoo.com. If no one else volunteers to be a buffer, then you can plan on buffing your own car. Bring some dry soft buffing cloths and elbow grease so you can do the job right and we'll provide the rest.

We'll serve chili and brownies for lunch and we'll have at least one gluten-free batch of chili. Please RSVP so we can plan for enough food. The action starts at 10 a.m. and if a non-member wants his/her car detailed, cost is \$20. Or a membership for a year is \$30. You can't beat that price for detailing!

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New Members' Welcome Drive

April 29, 2018

Hosted by [Allan Ohlsen](#)
11:00 a.m. at the Kidd Valley in Gene Coulon Park, Renton.

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

Some of the goals of the PSMC is to see you get the most enjoyment from your Miata through club events and activities with like-minded people.

Please join us for a social time, no-host lunch, at Kidd Valley in Gene Coulon Park in Renton, followed by a 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 answering questions. We will give you a "swag" bag just to give you a taste of the array of prizes you can receive when you participate in events at the PSMC.

This event is designed for the

new member, but all are encouraged to join in. Please plan to come to this fun event and meet some terrific people that enjoy the Miata experience as much as you do. The plan is to start at 11 a.m. with lunch, social time and presentations. At around 12:15 we will gather in the parking lot for a "drivers' meeting" before heading off for a one-hour adventure of fun roads. It should end by 3 p.m. Please RSVP so we (and the restaurant) can plan for you.

Detailing Day

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Directions to Coop's Miata:

From I-405 take the Maple Valley Hwy. Exit (State Hwy. 169) at Exit 4. Turn right at SE 232nd St (you'll see the Park and Ride on the right and the fire station on the left). Go up the hill to Coop's Miata at 20929 SE 232nd St. Coop's is on the left. Additional information is located at the link below: [http://](http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org/event-2775234?Calendar-ViewType=0&SelectedDate=3/19/2018)

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Upcoming Events — Something for Everyone!

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

April: Apr 03 1st Tuesday Cruise-In

Apr 07 PSMC board meeting

Apr 14 MG Car Club 37th Annual Tulip Rallye

Apr 19 Third Thursday Cruise-In

Apr 29 New Members' Welcome Drive

May: May 01 1st Tuesday Cruise-In

May 12 Detailin' Day and Show N Shine

May 19 Viking Fest Parade

May 26 Drive 4 Lunch

June: Jun 02 PSMC Board Meeting

Jun 05 1st Tuesday Cruise-In

Jun 23 Fathoms O' Fun Parade

Jun 29 Annual Pacific Northwest Historic Car Corral

July: Jul 04 Kingston 4th Of July Parade

Jul 14 Hurricane Ridge Run

Jul 20 Expore Oregon (hosted by Willamette Valley Miata Club)

Jul 21 Mt. Rainier Overlook Drive

Jul 28 Silverdale Whaling Days Parade

August : Aug 04 Spot That Thing!

Aug 11 Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas

Aug 18 The Renton "Clueless" Drive

September: Sep 08 The Surprise Drive

Sep 16 Sunset Auto Trail VII

Sep 22 Leavenworth Autumn Leaf Festival Parade

October: Oct 11 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

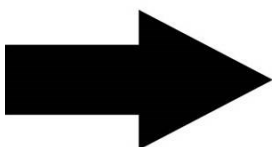
Oct 13 PSMC Planning and Board Meeting

November: Nov 06 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

Additional Events May Be Added At Any Time. Please check back at:

<http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org/page-1624266>

Miata Helpful Links



President's Message

By Charlotte Fellers

President's Message March/April 2018

While winter marches on in the eastern seaboard, spring seems to have peeked out here in Western Washington in recent days. I've seen the promise of a colorful spring in the daffodils and tulips blooming in my neighborhood, as I'm sure they are in yours as well. As I'm writing this, we are in the waning days of the official end to winter, and I for one, could not be happier.

March wraps up a weekly get-together in Puyallup, hosted by Dee Dahlke and Duncan Johnson at the local Starbucks. This Wednesday get-together was a weekly event throughout the winter and was an informal drop-in activity. If you haven't made it to one of these yet, get there in the next week or so as they will be gone soon. But, the First Tuesday Cruise In lives on for a few more months for folks in the north end. Details are posted on the website.

Speaking of tulips and daffodils—and spring, for that matter—a fun drive to kick off the spring season is coming up on April 14, hosted by our friends at the MG Car Club. That's right, folks, it's the annual MG Tulip Rallye, which starts at the Burlington Mall. Check out the details on the website. I've done this drive a few times, and back when I did it, we had fun with it, but I have to say, the last time we went, it was pretty crowded on the roads around La Conner and other "tulip" areas. We noticed that parking was at a premium (and often at a cost) and even to walk out in the fields for a few photos involved some clever maneuvering. But if that's your thing, then plan on this drive. The MG Club does a great job of preparing a fun rallye with prizes for all

kinds of things.

The first spring drive for our club happens on April 29, which is the always-popular New Members' Welcome Drive, hosted by Allan Ohlsen. Allan has been a club member since 2000. He has led this drive most years since he joined the club. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet our members who have joined the club in the past 12 months, welcome them on board, and explain the ins and outs of how to do drives in our group. This drive is a short one and kicks off with lunch at Gene Coulon Park in Renton.

May 12 is the day the PSMC Board has set aside for the annual Detailin' Day. This is your one and only chance to have access to free products from one of our sponsors, Griot's in Tacoma. Their products are incredible and will keep your car's paint job in pristine shape all year if you use them correctly. We'll be moving the activities this year from Lee Johnson Mazda to a new venue. Lee Johnson Mazda has hosted us and treated us extremely well for a number of years. But since they have increased their inventory, they are not able to fit our cars into the front parking lot as they have done in the past.

Fortunately, we've been invited to have the event at Coop's Miata in Maple Valley. Sadly, we don't have many volunteers who have stepped up to help out with buffing cars. So, in that case, if you want your car buffed, we'll provide the equipment and the polish and you can provide the elbow grease!

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Viking Fest Parade

May 19, 2018 @ 11:30am
Poulsbo, Washington

One of the great things about a Miata is that it is a perfect vehicle for showing off Princesses and Queens in the back of the car! To that end, we have a contingent of Miata owners who attend local parades and will "show off" royalty for the local events. If you'd like to give it a try here are the details:

The Viking Fest Royalty count on our help every year for drivers for the parades. The number varies year to year, but rest assured, you will be appreciated by these organizations for your help! The parades provide an opportunity to "give back" to the community in a fun way. If your car is so, equipped, you may be able to house two young ladies, which lowers the number of cars needed for each event.

Please contact Bill Hughes at 360-265-2541 for more information.

Hope to see you there!

**First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In
Social on April 3, 2018
at 5:30pm at McMenamin's Mill
Creek. Please check the website
for updated
information.**

**Third Thursday South-End
Social on April 19, 2018 at
5:30pm at Cheers Renton.
Please check the website
for updated
information.**

President's Message

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Bring your car and wash it right there at Coop's, and then move over to the buffing station and finish up. As always, we'll serve fresh hot chili for lunch. More details on this drive are posted on the website. We'd appreciate an RSVP so we know how much chili to bring.

I hope you've all had a good winter season. If you are a sports fan, it was a great year for sports. First the Super Bowl and a short withdrawal period from pro football, and a scant week later, the 2018 Winter Olympics began. I personally didn't get a thing done for about 10 days from watching most of the events in Korea. I happen to LOVE the Olympics, so it was so much fun to watch the many gifted athletes from around the world. On the heels of that event, I enjoyed the 2018 Paralympics, which really amazes me each time I view it. So much talent and resolve from the athletes. Just as they wound down, we get to see March Madness and college basketball until your eyeballs fall out! I'm sure spring will be a great time to catch my breath and get my car ready for the road.

Hope to see you at an event soon.

**First Tuesday North-End
Cruise-In Social
May 1, 2018 at 5:30pm at
McMenamin's Mill Creek.
Please check the
website for updated
information.**

2017 Year in Pictures



2017 Pictures Continued



2017 Pictures Continued



THE BATMOBILE

The Whole Story

I now have a new very black addition to my family group photo. She is my Miata number 14.

Yes it is true! You might say why, and I say "Why not"! They simply make me happy, it's not complicated! I have been retired for 10 years now, and Miatas are only one of my hobbies. I do have a couple of other hobbies that have nothing to do with Miatas.

This is a combination Thanksgiving and Christmas present to myself this year. I've only been collecting Miatas since 2010. This is one Miata that has a couple of features I have waited for since 2014. This one is another 2013, black on black. Which is black inside and outside, a six speed stick, retractable hardtop (older style no longer made), Club model. I always



thought the name "Club" sounded kind of funny and weird, and I didn't care for it. My friend Brett Anderson found me this car on the Internet, and told me all about that "Club" name. It now makes sense! It's this

kind of name because Miata clubs like to race these as they come with better shocks and other handling features as stock options. It has 23,000 miles on it. For a Miata that is the same as Brand New! Actually, two of my Miatas will always stay in Denver



with my Brother's Miatas. I now have 12 here in Tacoma. Between my Brother and I, we have 20 Miatas. All of my Miata's are fully insured through American Collector Car Insurance Company. After I got my insurance on this black, one of the guys I was talking to said, "You must really like Miatas", and I said, "I think you might be right!!!"



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The BATMOBILE Continued

Drive 4 Lunch
May 26, 2018

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PS: My favorite Miata is always the newest addition to the collection.



I also belong to the Puget Sound Miata club, the oldest Miata club in the USA. I drive in parades and Viking Fest Princesses throughout Washington State.



John D. Boespflug
a.k.a. The Wanderer
Zoom Zoom
11/15/2017

Host: Ross Scott

Meet At Monroe, WA Chevron at 9:30am

Please join me and my lovely assistant, Nancy, for the fourth and probably last year for this short and hopefully flower lined cruise.

This is a straightforward 50 plus mile drive along scenic back roads, to lunch at the famous Rhodes River Ranch, located just outside of Oso, WA. It is located on the second floor of a horse arena, with a glass wall for a view of the horses. There is no special event scheduled for this day, but people can be observed working their horses from time to time.

The excellent lunch menu is in the \$9-\$14 range, including gluten-free items. This is big-city food at country prices, folks.

From here, everyone can make their way home through Arlington to Highway 9, and from there, connect to I-5 if desired. Of course one can always trace the route in reverse, or take the alternate parallel back roads per a supplied map.

We will meet up at 9:30 AM at the Monroe Chevron on Highway 2 at the east end of Monroe. Driver's meeting will be at 9:45 for a 10 a.m. commencement of activities.

Monroe Chevron
514 E Main St
Monroe, WA 98272

And end up at:
Rhodes River Ranch
22016 Entsminger Rd
Arlington, WA 98223
(360) 474-8313
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PSMC Board Meets Saturday April 7, 2018 at 11am

Federal Way Public Library Conference Room,
34200 First Way South
Federal Way, WA 9800
Hosted by the PSMC Board

Join your board of directors for our second board meeting of 2018 and become a part of the action! At this meeting, we'll have a light lunch (provided by the board) beginning at 11 a.m. and conduct a regular business meeting with a review of the club treasury to follow.

Planning for the upcoming Detailin' Day will commence and we'll look ahead to summer activities and any future events that need attention.

Hope you can attend and contribute your great ideas.

Directions: From I-5 North or South, take Exit 142B and go West. You will be on 348th St. Turn Right on 1st Ave. South and you will see the Library driveway in about a half-mile on your right. Come to the Conference Room.

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This will be about a two-hour drive with a couple of rest stops along the way.

DIRECTIONS FROM I-5:

Take the highway 2 exit east in Everett. About 40 miles from the exit.

HIGHWAY 522:

Drive north on Highway 522 to the end in Monroe and take Highway 2 East. See You There!



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MEMBERSHIP

The club operates as a non-profit organization and relies primarily on volunteer services. However, sponsorship of events, the publication and mailing of the newsletter, and operating supplies constitute a financial burden that must be met by the membership. **The Sounder is emailed as a PDF Link.** Make your Miata experience more enjoyable and join the club and participate. To keep the club meaningful and solvent, we need your support!

Club membership is available by going to our website at www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org or by sending your name, address, email, and a check for **\$30 (annual chapter dues)**. Puget Sound Miata Club

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If you would like to contribute an article or you took photos of an event you'd like to share, remember these guidelines:

- Send 3-5 of your best photos, not 20-30.
- Send us your JPEGs since we need to Photoshop them anyway.
- When sending news items, use one space at the end of sentences, not two. It saves space in the publication.
- Send all written materials in Arial and as attachments, i.e. word doc or docx or file text.
- The deadline is the 15th of the next month. Please observe it!

Thanks to the following Miata dealers and businesses 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

Mazda of Everett (425) 353-3403

Louie Orrino at South Tacoma Mazda (253) 722-2888 / Cost plus 20%

Milam Mazda of Puyallup (253) 845-1766 /

University Mazda of Seattle (206) 634-1191

Miata Top Bob's, (206) 782-8081